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LETTERBOOK - James O'Hara, 1805-1820.
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Pittsburgh March 2d 1805

Dear Sir,

I have now the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter respecting my sales of Glass, and enclose you the p ice current of the present Sales for Cash or two months credit.

There is no custom that I would prefer to yours & would accept of your intimation relative to credit if I could deviate from certain general rules this, however can make no great difference

Any quantity of Glass that you will please to order, shall be invoiced here at the present prices & delivered all in good order. Or whatever you may order to be Sent to any of your Stores a correspondents Shall be forwarded under the common risk & additional charge for transporting - The amount in either way to be paid Six months after delivery.

Wishing you health & happiness dear Sir, Your no. hble Serv

(signed) James OHara

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J. Smith Esq

Columbia. Ohio

Pittsburgh March 24 1905

Dear Sir

I have been to announce a the receipt of your's of the 16 ect. enclosing you Bosch Injector's circulation for fifty dollars on account of cost mentioned in your letter yet due me by him, which you will please to collect for me.

I have a certificate of Jesse Hardy of his having received payment for Sixty bushels corn July 22. 1797, on which there remains a small balance, which I will transmit on your more advice

I wish your offer of courtesy had reached me sooner - I had engaged my Engine in duty a ma a little disappointed. Here however will is wanted for this vessel. Should I have occasion for any in future, I will let you know - please to write

Your's

Jesse Chase

Daniel Hays Esq.

New York Manhy

Mr Peter Menard Pittsburgh

Kaskaskias Mar. 1. 1803.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 23rd June in answer to your's of the 10th & had not the pleasure of hearing from you since

I hope you have received the principal debts left with you by McKerron, & payments for the goods left you for sale long before this time, and am greatly disappointed in having received no kind of remittance from that country since I saw you.

I never had any Settlement nor satisfactory statements from McKerron, and I have great cause to apprehend that he has involved my affairs for his own mercenary views. I must know what property he has pretended to acquire during his continuance there in my employ - his exchanging Viego's debt with Mr Jones for lands at Kaskaskias was unauthorized by me & contrary to his instructions & previous arrangements -If you know any thing of the merits of this exchange you will settle it with Mr Jones. You say the lower part of the tract is the best, of course if you think the bargain for my interest, you will close it with Mr Jones. Will this land sell for the amount of Viego's debt & interest?

I cannot at present form any idea of the lands you mention on the other side of the Mississippi. I wish you to give me a more special description & titles alluded to. You know - have been very unfortunate in all my dealings in that quarter.

You have no doubt made all the arrangements necessary for securing to me all the rights to the lands conveyed to me by yourself -

The Cash that you have received for my account I hope you have a very soon will have remitted to me at this place. I will take in payments any quantity of lead at the prices mentioned in your letter. I shall pay the freight to New Orleans for all the lead or peltry you can remit for me to the address of Mr John f Watson, Mercht. of that place, in preference to having either brought to this place.

I have the Ship General Butler here in the stream ready to weigh anchor the moment the water answers which I expect very soon. She goes down light to take in a Cargo at Natchez for Liverpool & is to return to Philadelphia or New Orleans with goods for either of those Markets -

Now Sir, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to send Cargoe for me by this Ship if you could have any quantity of lead & peltry near the mouth of the Ohio ready to put on board, on her passage - the freight would be saved - & it would be a means of relieving me from embarrassments - She is commanded by Capt. Saml Lake & my oldest son William ~~[illegible]~~ supercargo for me - I wish you could meet her at the junction of the rivers with a strong remittance you might also be of great service in assisting the Captain to procure a proper pilot for the Missisippi which must be done at the falls of Ohio, or in the neighbourhood of Massac or the mouth of the river - and ~~[illegible]~~ being on this subject I wish you to transmit me to this place by the mail, a proper schedule of Goods suitable for your Markets & the times, and what prospect there will be of selling six or eight thousand dollars worth in a short time, for Cash Peltry & lead or either, as you know that Liverpool is the best place in England to procure such a cargoe. As I hope that you will be able to send something handsome for me by the Ship, I shall write you when she

sails from this, & my son will have a letter for you, which will be sent over by the mail on his arrival at the falls. You will then be able to be down some time before she can arrive at the mouth of the Ohio or at L'anse le 'grace, where they will enquire for you or your agent.

I wish to hear from you soon as possible, and hope your prospects are more clear & bright.

Wishing you health & fortune I am Dear Sir Your's &c

sd James O'Hara

Mr John f Watson

Merchant

New Orleans

Pittsburgh March 8. 1805

Dear sir.

A few weeks ago I received from Mr. Bell copies of your accounts & I am sorry to find that great loss must be sustained by your cargoe by the Schooner, and that the Vessel was held bound for upwards of five hundred dollars damages on the Cordage, which I conceived the Captain alone ought to account for.

All my calculations are confounded by being disappointed in receiving remittances from you on account of Holbrey' flour in due time. Your barter for Spirits was very unfortunate, it would not answer to send it to Philada. perhaps (if you have not sold it) it will be best to dispose of it at all events - it is certainly cheaper at 100 cts than our whiskey at 66, it ought to take upwards of 25 pct. to reduce it to Whiskey proof.

Mr Kenner's delaying payment of his debt has deranged my finances, considerably, as he often assured me of his being prepared to pay. I hope he will now enable you to remit me at least the balance of his bonds & Interest. As he disputes the balance of lead, I have no objection to Suspend it for further enquiry.

I received your two bills on Hodgkin & Maner for 750 doll. each, which were duly honored. I expect your further remittances will be in the same way, & only wish you to draw at short sight I must have money.

Mr Robins & myself had made some arrangements for sending you a cargo of flour, but are disappointed in scarcity of wheat & previous purchases. Mr Greig will descend shortly with a considerable quantity.

I have the Ship General Butler ready to descend by the first flood, she is to load at Natchez for Liverpool. My son William will be on board, you will furnish him & Capt. Lake who commands her with every aid in your power at N. Orleans.

Yours sincerely

(signed) James O'Hara.

William C. O'Hara Pittsburgh 8 Mar. 1805

Enclosed you have Invoices of sundry articles shipped on board the Ship General Butler on my account, and consigned to you for market.

On your arrival at Louisville you will see such part of your Window Glass and Porter as you can - 10 by 12 & 11 dolls p box & 8 by 10 at 13 dolls. per box. and your porter at ten dolls. p barrel for cash or good noted made payable to me here at 6 mo. after date. Notes or endorsements by Prather & Sayllie Easton & Bustard Mr. Crosby or any Notes that these Gentln. will recommend will be good. If you cannot sell all your glass & porter at Louisville without any detention, you will endeavour to dispose of the remainder at Natchez, and should part be on hand on your leaving that port, deliver the remainder to the Store of Mr Willins for sale & take duplicate receipts, except you may think proper to take a few boxes & barrels to New Orleans to try that market, which may be a good experiment.

As the Ship is to take in a full cargo of cotton at the Natchez for Liverpool - Your Staves & trundels will be shipped so far as they may be used in dunnage - Should you have a Surplus at Natchez you will have them sent down or take them on deck if practicable & sold at New Orleans for ready money.

As my particular object in forwarding these few specimens of my own manufacturing to those places, is in order to ascertain how far I may calculate on their custom in future, You will be very particular at each respecting probable demand or consumption, & forward such orders as you may procure for any quantity of glass or porter that may be required, which shall be duly executed.

As the Ship must put to Sea with all possible dispatch, you will be very industrious in your business at Natchez & N. Orleans, & very particular in transmitting all the Notes you may receive, with duplicates of all receipts that you will take for deposit, & your observations generally, & your opinion of the prospect of extending my affairs in that way.

The Ship must clear out from the Custom House in New Orleans for Liverpool, the Cargo (Cotton) will be consigned by Genl. Wilkins, who owns one fourth of the Vessel, to the house of Mann & Bernard there, the staves Heading & trunnels I have consigned to you, and the owners consign to you the business of the Ship under command of Captn. Saml Lake, for the Voyage & Home.

You will have bills on Genl Wilkins Consignees at Liverpool for freight of all the Cotton that shall be shipped for his account at Natchez at the rate of five Cents per Ct. out of which you must tonnage on the bottom and all, Port charges under the advice of Mess. Mann & Bernard and of Capt. Lake. taking vouchers for every item of disbursements & keeping proper Statements for Settlement with the Owners for the voyage.

Should Capt. Lake be necessarily detained in port, waiting for freight or other wise, I wish you to visit Manchester, Birmingham & the neighbouring manufactories and report some knowledge of the genuine prices current. If you will have time to see the Metropolis, I have no objection, the ship however must not suffer demurr on any account.

As it will not be necessary to take more Cash from New Orleans than a few guineas for contingent expences on landing you will remit to Mess. New Orleans all the money you may receive on my account on your way down

the river or at that port. Mr. Watson, or Mr. Saul Cashier of the Bank will probably have you accommodated, with bills at short sight on Phila or the City of Washington.

You will receive orders from the Owners sufficient to ship for them at Liverpool to complete a return Cargoe in case a full freight cannot be procured in due time.

You will perceive by the Article of Agreement that Genl. Wilkins has only ordered three fourths of freight for Cotton to be paid to you at Liverpool, & orders his own fourth of all charges to be paid for his 1/4 part of the Vessel.

Write by all opportunities Your affectionate

James O'Hara

Capt. Lake weighed anchor at one o clock March 8th.

Captn Samuel Rake Pittsburg Mar. 8. 1805.

Dear Sir,

You will please to proceed with the Ship General Butler under your command with out any delay to the city of Natchez, & deliver your letters to Mr. Charles Wilkins or his Agent there By the enclosed Article of Agreement you will perceive that you are to take in a Cargoe of Cotton for Genl. Wilkins to Liverpool..

Your vessel is well calculated for stowing - with all your power, Screws will we doubt be furnished you for this purpose - we expect by your particular exertions she will take in five hundred full bales of Cotton - the Staves on board for Mr. Ohara will be used only for Dunnage, Nothing must interfere with the Stowage of a Complete Cargo of Cotton. Capt. Beebe the builder says she will take in Six hundred bales, in this however we are not sanguine - Should you have any Staves or Lumber remaining you will probably find it convenient to carry them on deck for N. Orleans to Market. Mr. Wm. C. Ohara to whom the Ship is consigned will furnish such necessaries as may be required at Natchez, & purchase additional Cable & Anchor at New Orleans, & Pork in addition to your Salt beef on board to make up your requisition of this article & such other necessaries for the voyage as you may consider indispensible.

Mr. Shreder your pilot has engaged for Louisville or Nassau at your option, we wish you to get a pilot for the Mississippi at the Falls, you will engage one at L'anse la grace or New Madrid at all events, & in this case you will take a pilot from Nassau to that place. Mr. Ohara has

business to transact at Louisville, but must not detain you one moment, being extremely anxious to get your Cargo to Liverpool soon as possible. We are induced to repeat that much depends on your manly industry & exertions, to get to Sea with all possible dispatch

Your Cotton is consigned by Genl Wilkins to the house of Mann & Barnard in Liverpool who will have your Ship discharged in due time. She will be advertised for freight or Charter, for Phila. N. Orleans or any port in the U. States, & should this arrangement not succeed in reasonable time Mr. Ollara will have orders to return Cargoe for the Owners, it is unnecessary for us in this place to remind you of the particular attention necessary for you to pay in clearing out or entering any port, that your papers may be regularly official according with the laws, & above all that you will not suffer on board any Stores, wares or articles of any Kind, that can possibly be conceived to be contraband of war, nor attempt to touch at any prohibited Port, that we may escape the disagreeable consequences that would probably be the result of litigious disputes

You will please to advise us of your progress & prospects often as possible. &c

James Ollara

John Wilkins jr.

To Wm. McKindley Esq

or his Agent, Charleston, Va.

Sir,

Major Craig handed me your letter of the 23rd Ulto.

Agreeably to your request I have forwarded by Mr Sanders, two boxes of glass 8 by 10 for which you will be pleased to pay.

I have also forwarded by Mr Sanders directed to your Agent at Charleston, two boxes of Window Glass 8 by 10, which you may either dispose of for my account, on a commission of five per cent, or take on a credit of Six months at the Pittsburgh prices, which you have mentioned & any further orders you may please to forward from time to time, shall be promptly attended to

Yours &c

James [illegible]

Pittsburgh 12 March 1805.

James Morrison Esq.

Lexington

Pittsburg 19 April 1805

dear Sir,

Your Suspicion respecting your glass was wrong, it was duly ordered " reported to be on hand, but find that owing to the perfidy of Price, my Superintendant & Wendt the foreman, maker in plotting to abandon the work, the large size glass is not made, nor do I expect it can be made before September.

The necessary attention has been paid to your defence a ainst the State claim - The Register had again written on the Subject. Price made out & transmitted a full " clear statement of all fines & remissions, which is conceived to be satisfactory within six or seven pounds, and Baison gives names of persons in the neightbourhood who can account for this deficiency. I shall pay the due attention to this or any other of your concerns here.

I wish you would seel my undivided half of Six thousand ac ses of land in your country. You have the patents in your hands & may have a division made. You say there's several settlers on it. perhaps they would purchase. Will it not bring a dollar per acre & pay a good commission & charges? I cannot sell your tract on Green's for any thing. Mr Blanty talked once of exchanging his house in this place for my Kentucky lands, you never said anything on this subject.

We are all in good health & spirits here. Genl Wilkinson is expected in a few days, for St Lous, where he takes post as Governor of upper

Louisiana, Commander in Chief and Superintendant of Indian affairs - he takes his family along

Offer my very best respects to Mrs Morrison & believe me to be Yours sincerely

James Gibson

Messr. King Carson & King

Nashville

Pittsburg April 12. 1805

Gentlemen,

A variety of disappointments lays me under the imperious necessity of applying to you for the amount of your account your remittance in such manner as you may think proper, will be very acceptable & will greatly oblidge

Gentlemen Your friend & hble Serv

James Clara

Amount of your note

dates 26 May 1804

a 6 mo. $201. 61/100

Mr. Fredk. M. Amelung

Baltimore

Pittsburg April 19. 1805

Dear Sir

Presuming that your Situation at Baltimore is such as would not justify your coming to settle in this country for any present prospect, I take this method to consult you on the mode that would be best for having a few good sober Glass blowers employed for my Works at this place, being tired & disgusted with some of those I have been poster'd with for years past. Fredk Wendt ignorant, obstinate & seditious is gone off down this river. I do not know where, and has taken three others with him, still more ignorant than himself.

My Works are now clear of all incumbrances in that way, & ready to commence in the new

Now I wish to know candidly your mind on this subject, whether you have any choice of your own to see this place with a few good Hands, or whether you will engage to send me on four or five such as you can recommend, for which you shall have ample compensation for your trouble. They shall be treated in the best manner -I pay all in ready money and settle every month - their expence in coming up will be advanced and any agreement you may make will be complied with on my part.

I wish to hear from you soon to know your proposals in either of these Cases. Or if you find it more accommodating for the workmen to come on immediately, they shall be employed on their arrival here. Single or men with small families would be most convenient

Your friend & hble Serv

James O'Hara

Mr William West

Merchant

Philadelphia

Pittsburg 19 April 1805

Sir

I have no objections to Mrs. Hess's receiving one half of her husband's monthly pay as Mate of the Ohio and Miller, & your order in her favor on Mr H. W. Mechlenberg, Merchant in Market Street, for 15 dolls. per month, commencing on the 25 February last, will be paid during his service in the Ship

Any balance due Capt. Vansise in procuring Hands for Capt. Lake will be paid. Lake did not apply to me for any money on your account or credit. he had a very rapid passage off the falls of Ohio

I am respectfully Your Hble Serv

James O'Hara

Mr. Henry W. Mecklenberg

Merchant Philadd.

Pittsburgh 19th April 1803

dear Sir,

I have requested Mr. William West, Mercht of your City to give orders on you monthly in favor of Mrs. Hess for fifteen dollars every month, as commencing the 25 February last, being one half of her husband's pay as mate in the Ship General Butler, till further orders, which you will please to pay. Let me know the state of my accounts & I will prepare you for these orders.

Your vines came to hand in fine order & appear to grow very well.

Your's sincerely

J. O.

continued

A letter has been written to Nicholas Swerer who has been a Glass blower to come to this place, as I am informed he is disengaged, I wish you to add another favor to the number by enquiring for this man as he is of good report & send him on to me with assurance that he shall have immediate employ on good terms -You will advance money to bring him here on account, until he can pay, as the others have done.

You will find Swerer by enquiring at Mr Hoffman's (I think) a Grocer's in second st opposite Christ Church, or at Mr Rutland's, who keeps a Grocery shop in North 3d or 4th. you will see by the Directory - he manages the Kensington Glass Works -If you can forward Swerer & his or

three other good blowers that he will recommend you will serve me in a very essential way, as I have been necessitated to turn away several Ungovernables, whom I must replace at my Works.

Yours

[illegible].

Copy of the letter above alluded to

Sir

I am happy to inform you that there is now a place open for you at these works, where you can get steady employment and good pay on the same conditions as the other hands.

The Priest here mentioned that you wished to come if you would get encouragement & spoke of you to Mr. O'Hara - who has agreed in case you are desirous to come to furnish you with money to pay your expenses.

Your answer is requested soon as possible, so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

I am your friend & hble serv

(signed) Frederick Mendts

Mr Nicholas Lucser

Philada.

Mr Joseph Carson, Philada.

Pittsburgh April 19. 1835.

Dear Sir,

Being informed by James that you may be in Philadelphia, I wish you to do me another favour. It is expected that the new Ship General Butler is now taking in a cargoe of cotton at the Natchez for Liverpool, and that she will sail from New Orleans before the 1. May. She is admired as a very strong well built vessel. the Ship & Cargoe entirely owned by John Wilkins junr & myself, commanded by Capt Lake & well found in all respects.

I wish to have the bottom insured in Philada for ten thousand dollars, say from New Orleans to Liverpool there, & from thence to any port in the United States. Will you please to enquire & inform me how this can be effected on the best terms, as I wish to have it done in due time. I wish also that you would write to Wm. C. O'Hara at Liverpool & procure for him such freight as you can obtain, it is probable the ship will return to Philada.

I will write to you more fully in reply to your answer.

Yours Sincerely

To Daniel Vertuer Esqr.

Washington K.

Daniel Vertuer Esqr.

To James O'Hara Dr.

[ED. This is an account, not transcribed.]

[Ed. To Daniel Vertuer]

Pittsburgh April 19. 1835

Dear Sir

You may probably be surprised at the charge of twenty five boxes of Glass by Mr Sa l as I am not certain you have received them - the State of the river having been so precourious that Mr Saul might have been prevented from landing at Limestone

Being now very hard run by my disbursements, I wish you to remit me by the very first opportunity, such part of the amount as you may think proper, and should you have occasion for Window Glass - send your Orders - I have yet a quantity of excellent quality which will fall short of supply, as the Works are now out & abandoned by the perfidy of Price the Superintendant & Wendt the Foreman Maker, & cannot go on again till November. let us hear from you.

Your friend &c

James O'Hara

Mr. Nicholas Day

New Alexandria

Westmoreland Pa.

Pittsburgh 22 April 1805

Mr Nicholas Day To James Ollara Dr.

1803

October 13	To amt. Glass ware p Invoice	
	forwardod by Jacob Warehan	$132.17
	By Cash same time	50.10
	a t 90 days	$ 82.7
	Int from 13 Jan. 1804	

Dear Sir,

By your letter to Isaac Craig of the 11th of Oct 1803. you promise to pay the above balance in 90 days - you have been written to for the amt. by Mr Cochran but it is probable the letters miscarried, as I sincerely wish to support punctuality in my dealings, I must call on my friends to support me by paying their balances.

You will please to send me this small sum next week & oblige

Your friend & Hble Serv

James Ollara

Pittsburgh April 26. 1835

dear Sir

Your's of the 15 inst I received covering two Bank notes of our branch, 20 dolls. each, and return you one note, for twenty dollars, Bank of Pennsylvania. B. No. 5112 & one Note for 20 dollars of the Bank United States, V No 124. and shall be always ready to comply with any of your farther orders. We are all very healthy & cheerful & offer our congratulations on your report of health and happiness.

Yours sincerely

James [illegible]

Mr J. F. Ackard

Philada.

Mr William Tell

Mercht Phila.

Pittsburgh April 26. 1805

dear Sir,

I received yours of the 15th inst in very due time, having appropriated the whole amount of Mr Sterlings notes & would have drawn ~~[illegible]~~ on you this day for nearly the balance - however I am not greatly disappointed in the laying over of this Note, having no doubt of its being paid.

I drew on you yesterday for five hundred dolls. favor of Thomas Wilson Cashier at ten days, which you will honor - let me have your Statements soon as convenient.

The 400 doll recovered of you by West "for which the Owners of the Conquest will have to account as the Capt. is unable" certainly must be paid, as the Captain made accountable to the owners. You may settle his acct. by debiting the ball said to be due him in such ~~[illegible]~~ way as you may think propor -

yours sincerely

J. O.

Pittsburgh April. 16. 1865.

Gentleman,

Enclosed you will receive four first bills of exchange, on Samuel Hacker, Mercht. of your city, drawn at thirty days sight, which you will please to pass to my credit when paid.

I wish you to keep a separate acct. with Mrs. Jane Butler, as our accounts are finally settled to the 1. October last, and as soon as you will have funds from her interest sufficient to purchase another share in the Penna. Rail, you will have it done for her, which may be at the first of July next.

The enclosed 4000 I have appropriated here and will draw for the amount when it becomes due, you will therefore please to inform me of the acceptance, and you will give me such other information, as will be very agreeable,

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara

Messrs. McEwen Hale, & Davidson

Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh April 30 1835

Gentlemen

On the 15th I enclosed you bills on Samuel Hacker for 4000 dollars at sixty days sight which I intended to wait for very patiently, until the money should come into your hands, but being disappointed in consequence of Saml. S. Sterling's note, for my use to William Bell, being protested for nonpayment, I have to draw on you in a few days for Sixteen hundred dollars in favor of Thomas Wilson our Cashier, at ten days sight.

I wish this could be done without interfering with my former arrangements, you will pay this bill & charge me t e proper discount.

I expect to hear from you soon.

James O'Hara.

To Same as above.

Mr John F Watson

Merchant, New Orleans.

Pittsburgh May 20. 1805

Dear Sir,

Annexed you will receive Mich. Sweany's & Silvanus Cole's receipt for one Boat load of flour, which is reported of excellent quality.

You will dispose of the whole Cargo & property as soon as you can & remit me the amt. with such other remittances as may be in your power as soon as possible. 1 flat 52 feet long 278 bls Superfine & 30 barrels fine in 308 barrels of flour - [illegible] 2 pot. 1 tin kettle - frying pan. there is full supply of provisions on board.

James Archen, Silvanus Cole & James Long are hired for the whole trip at 65 dollars each, and Sweany will expect 30 doll p mo. Aickens received here $20, Cole 10 & Sweany 5 dolls You will settle with these men Should they perform well.

I received your letter covering bills on Samuel Meeker at 60 days in part of Mr Monney account, which will not be due till next month. I wish you could prevail on my friend Menne to make another Such payment, I shall be very hard run for cash, as we will be obliged to purchase Cargo for the Ship Genl Butler to return on our own account.. I hop you have sold your rum & remitted the proceeds. I will have more flour under way in a short time Should the water permit. this flour boat Sailed from here on the 13th. inst. you may exp of her arrival soon after you receive this letter, the waters at present being in very fine order.

let me hear from you by every mail, & wish to know your prospects, and whether you can form Contracts for our produce or manufactures - I will furnish on short notice & light profits.

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr. Henry W. Muhlenberg. Philadelphia

Pittsburgh 21st. May 1847.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter and Statements & shall prepare you to meet the claim of Mrs Hess and the others in due time.

Enclosed you will receive a letter for Amsterdam, which you will please to forward by the very first opportunity, it is on a Subject of infinite importance to this country, by which I hope to obtain an infallible cure for the swelled throat very prevalent here with our young females. The reply will be addressed to you from Amsterdam.

You will continue your efforts to procure me a few Class blowers, I have been obliged to dismiss a few discontents from my works. Send me one quarter cask of the best Sherry.

Yours Sincerely

J. [illegible]

Mr Joseph Cowen Philada.

Pittsburgh 21. May 1805.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter on Insurance which I think you [illegible] to have of the Ship Genl Butler having arrived at the Natchez on the 20th. ulto. her cargo of cotton was ready to put on board, and we have no doubt but she has sailed before this time from New Orleans.

You will please to effect Insurance on this beautiful new Vessel to amount of ten thousand dollars on the cotton only the cargoe will be insured in England. This will be done for the voyage from New Orleans to Liverpool & back to any port in the United States.

You must not neglect to write to William at Liverpool & procure all preferences you can for Return freight as I do not wish to lay out money sufficient for a cargoe at this time.

let me hear from you

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara

Pittsburg 26 May 1835

Mr. Frederick M. Amelung

Baltimore

Sir,

I received your's of the 11th - in answer to mine of the 19th ulto. and can assure you that no difficulty shall arise on the Subject of Salary as stated in your letter; provided good and decent Hands can be immediately procured. Their terms shall not be worse than the usual terms at Baltimore, they shall be paid in Cash monthly, or in shorter time if necessary.

My Works have been improving Seven years, and must be persevered in - there is no person concerned with me in any respect. I have a large stock of Materials on hand, and the tools complete, a Horse mill for pounding, Pot Ash Work, and Smith's shop, all on the ground belonging to the works in operation. Coal & wood are now laying in for the Winter, the pots are in hand, fifty will be finished by Pallour in a few days, who made for the last fire, my wish is to have at least one hundred before hand.

The last fire continued very good eight months, the benches of our sand stone remained unimpaired, but the [illegible] and sullen ignorance of Wendt, who always had a mutiny on the fires going out, rendered it necessary to stop. I have been often compelled to dismiss Wendt on account of his mutinous natural disposition, and was induced to employ him by intercessions of connections that did not know him. He wished to keep the Works or have a Salary by the year; my knowledge of his dishonesty and ignorance forbade either.

I have continued old Filues out of charity, he is assisting to prepare for Pots, but no engagement is positively made with any except Smith who has a promise he is a good & faithful Hand.

Therefore you may engage & bring up without delay six or eight such Hands as you have described, single men or men with very small families would be preferred for obvious reasons - this however you will be governed in according to your opportunity of Selecting. Mr. Swerer at Philadelphia proposed some time ago with another Hand but are no engaged to come.

When the kiln is out all the Blowers (able to work) will be employed in preparing again & will have twenty dollars per month - Other Hands 16 to 18 dollars - If you have any favorite steady mixer or Founder, in whom you have perfect confidence, and without families, bring them along, otherwise I have them tolerably good.

Having so many pots ready; your next furnace must be on my old proportion except that you can prepare for ten pots instead of eight. I shall not touch the furnace 'til you arrive. I wish however to blow on the 1st of September - my hollow ware almost out, and Window glass going fast. I began on the 1st. of August last during the last fall I had sixty barrels of clay brought from near Londontown, and have the greater part in Store very good - and in order to give you an opportunity of trying whether clay got by yourself from Baltimore would be as good or better, I wish you to have two or three waggon loads picked clean & brought up. you know it must come in as large & solid lumps as possible & in flour barrels well hooped & nailed. Old pots made of the Army Clay, stood in the fire from three to thirteen weeks, when put in old & well in an agent. the whitest Delaware clay was reckoned the best.

For the purpose of accomplishing these different objects, you will receive enclosed my bill on McIlven, Hale & Davidson of Philada. for three hundred dollars on account the money that you may advance for bringing up the hands, will not be required untill they can conveniently [illegible] - Should your money fall short, part carriage of the clay will be made payable here

I am at a loss how to advise you respecting the Gentleman you mention. it certainly is to be greatly regretted that such genius & experience should not meet with [illegible] and ample compensation: I know of no opportunity for displaying [illegible] useful talents in this country at present. Gunpowder has been made with success on our waters. Salt Petre being in great abundance, We have no lead mines to the Westward nearer than the Illinois on the Mississippi, it is delivered here from [illegible] at 10 doll. p hundred. The manufacturing of [illegible] - Glass on a proper establishment will be a great object here, or might be at present. -

We have not yet discovered any mineral in this country justifying the expence of extracting from it, but this may be owing to the superficial manner in which it has been explored, or want of judgment in making the experiments - I seriously wish that such a Character as you describe could be invited with propriety. Nothing is wanting on my part but the objects worthy his notice, as I have nothing more at heart than to see our researches succeed and our manufactories flourish.

I shall at all events be glad to see your friend accompany you here, should he find it convenient.

Two Whi e Glassmakers will be acceptable, we have tried this in the same furnace with the window Glass with perfect Success; the Blowers were both Englishmen so dissipated, that they became great Nuisance.

Let me hear from you immediately, & see you with your hands, soon as possible.

Your friend & hble Serv

James O'Hara

Pittsburgh May 27. 1805

Gentlemen,

I am favor'd with your's of the 17. inst. & acknowledge the transaction with Major Swan, to be very proper.

I have drawn on you this day in favor of Frederic M. Auclung of Baltimore for three hundred dollars at sight, and will drew on the 6th June for the balance of S. Hacker's acceptance, at ten days after sight.

I wish you to furnish me with Mrs. Jane Butlers account, from the 1st of October last 'till the 1st July including all Interest &c. that will be then due as she wishes to know what may be wanting to buy another share, in the Bank and whether you would recommend to her to purchase in the Philada Bank.

Your's sincerely

James Ollora

Messrs. McIlvan Hale

& Davidson

Phila.

Mr Henry W. Mühlenbergh Phila

Pittsburgh 31. May 1805

Sir.

I received yours of the 14th instant covering my account current with you, all very correct, and wrote you on the 20th requesting you to send me one quarter Cask of your best Sherry & promised to prepare you with funds to meet certain demands authorised - to be made on you on my account.

I have now to request you to send me two s all bales of good [illegible] & wish them forwarded by the Stage from Tomlinson's. I have had them 14 bales of 1000 each very good - there are called Claret Corks, I want them for porter, but they must be good and if you cannot get them in small bales, you will send me on the common large bale well chosen, say (in this case) 150 gross, this must come by the common waggon soon as possible.

You will also please to send me one Canister of 12 lb Imperial, 12 lb best Hyson & 12 lb Souchong tea, for private use. You have enclosed a bill on McEwen Hale & Davidson for two hundred dollars and you shall be always prepared on due notice for meeting any arrangements that you will permit me to impose on your friendship. let me hear from you & say something respecting the Glassmakers I wrote you about. Make no agreement with Swerer without letting me know - as I am aware of certain interferences

Your's sincerely

James Ollara

Pittsburgh May 31. 1865

Gentlemen

please to pay to the order of Mr Henry W Kuhlenbergh, two hundred Dollars value received & charge your humb Serv.

[illegible]

Messrs. Hallowell Hale & Davidson

Philadelphia

Mr Wm. C. Green

Pittsburgh June 9. 1805

Sir,

We received your's of the 29th April from Natchez, and from the very favourable reports of the Ship Genl Butler on her passage down the river and being so highly approved of on Inspection at the city of Natchez, we are induced to offer her for sale at Liverpool - You are therefore authorized to sell the Ship with all her appurtenances on the best terms in your power consistent with your knowledge of her cost & value, we do not wish to Sell at any considerable loss, but being engaged in building another & desirous to encourage Ship building at this place, we are willing to Sell without profit.

A credit that will be approved of by Messrs. Mann Bernard &c may be given for the matter, payable by bills on Philadelphia, or by payment by bills on Liverpool. - Should this letter not get to hand in due time, before you may agree for freight or charter. you will pursue your former instructions & the enclosed orders from us or either.

Your's very sincerely James O'Hara

John Wilkins Jr.

Capt. Samuel Lake

Pittsburgh 9. June 1805

Sir

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29. April from Natchez - are perfectly satisfied with your management of the Ship descending the rivers, and hope you will receive this at Liverpool in good health & Spirits.

You will perceive by our orders to Mr. C. O'Hara that we wish to dispose of the Ship Genl. Butler - If she will not sell agreeably to his instructions, our first arrangements will be pursued, and in case neither sales nor freight can be procured, cargoes will be laid on for the owners according to his orders by this date.

In case of Sales you will dispose of your people according to their agreements. There is & will be drawn in Philadelphia untill your order stoppage from H. W. Muhlenburgh, Merchant for Mr. Ness jr. from 21. Feby last $17.50/100 p month for Aaron Bryant & Jeremiah Mathiss from 25 Feb. ea 13 dls p mo.

Mrs. Lake and the family are all well Capt. Beebe has moved down the Ohio two miles, he is there building another vessel about 90 tons.

We shall be anxious to hear from you.

Your sincere friends & hble Servs

James O'Hara

Jno. Wilkins jr

Mr. William O. O'Hara

Liverpool.

Pittsburgh 9 June 1805

I received yours of the 29 April from Natchez well pleased, - that you got down safe and in very good time.

Should you be disappointed in [illegible] of the Ship, or in procuring return freight at Liverpool in reasonable time, you will make up the deficiency of cargoe by shipping Salt on the joint account of the owners. Genl Wilkins will probably order Merchandize on his account and you will lay in for me 100 pieces of blue London Stroud and 50 pieces of 2 1/2 and 3 point Match Coat blankets - the Match Coats must be blue Stripe.

for the balance that will then remain in your hands of the outward freight, you will purchase a few cases of Manchester goods of the newest patterns, & Such other articles as you may think will Sell well & afford good profit - and should you wish to exceed the amount of your Cash Messrs Mann Dernard & Co will probably procure you a credit of five or six thousand dollars for 12 mo. enclosed you have a few lines for that House, which you will deliver or not at your option. Insurance is ordered to be effected on the Ship at Philadelphia, for the voyage out and back to any Port in the United States.

We would prefer sales of the Vessel to a y other arrangement that can be made at present, the cost upwards of twelve thousand dollars & must not go for less than ten thousand dollars - She ld you have freight for any port Eastward of Philada you will endeavour to Sell on your arrival

she will probably bring more than 12000 Mlls in this we are not sanguine, but believe she is well worth this sum to persons willing to purchase.

In case of Sales you will take passage in any good Vessel of the United States for Philada, and the orders for drygoods will require no attention. Capt Lake will probably return with you, which no doubt would be very agreeable

When you can ascertain nearly the amount of your Shipments for the owners or for my account you will advise them [illegible] in Philada in such manner as will enable him to effect Insurance Write him by N. York Baltimore & to Philada.

Your affectionate

[illegible]

Messrs. [illegible] & Co. Liverpool

Pittsburg. 9 June 1835

Gentlemen

this will be handed to you by my son William Carson O'Hara, of the Ship Geul Butler, he is authorised to apply to your House for a Credit of five or six thousand dollars, Should he think proper. any engagement that he will enter into with you, shall be promptly fulfilled.

I am Ge tlemen, respectfully Your very hum Serv

(signed) James O'Hara

Messrs McIlvon, Hale & Davidson

Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh 11 June 1865

Gentlemen.

Enclosed you have John f. Watsons two bills on Hodgdon & Hanes dated at New Orleans April 20th for five hundred dollars each at Sixty & fifty days sight, which you will have placed to my credit, soon as convenient as I believe I shall have to [illegible] these long [illegible] bills.

You will please to favor me with your statement of my account prepared for up to the 1 July

Yours Obsequely

James O'Hara

Mr Henry F. Muhlenburgh Philada.

Pittsburg 11 June 1835

dear Sir,

I received your's of the 3. instant and acknowledge your promptness in every respect - Having a very good recommendation of Nicholas Swarer, I agree to his terms in advancing fifty dollars on account, & pay him one half of his expences to this place. he shall have a house & coal fuel free, he will be paid wages when not blowing, and when in blast he will be paid by the peice as other best workmen in Cash monthly or oftener if required, he must engage for one year at least.

he may enquire what hands he can get to come with him, but must not engage any untill I see him, or till he hears from me. I am now preparing and expect to blow on the 1st Sept. - Before Swarer starts I wish him to bring down Six or eight Waggon loads of the proper clay for pots from near Bordentown, it must be picked clean in solid lumps, white as possible and packed in flour barrels compacted - and you will please to furnish money for his expence. You will have t is clay stored untill fall & send it on when carriage will be low, the sooner the better, it must not be in the frost.

this will employ Swarer but very few days & you will make arrangements, for his coming to this place, soon after as may be convenient.

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara.

Pittsburgh 11 June 1805.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 21. May, and requested that you would have Insurance effected on the Ship Genl. Butler from New Orleans to and at Liverpool and back to any port in the United States, and have no doubt of the insurance being done.

Enclosed you will receive letters for Wm. O. Ollara and Capt. Lake which I wish you to forward without any delay, as I have some doubts of their getting to England in time to meet the vessel, as she got down & loaded sooner than I expected.

You will judge whether it will be best to forward them to New York for the packet or wait for any vessel ready to sail for Liverpool

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr. Joseph Carson

Philadelphia

Messrs. Nelson Dale & Davidson

Philadelphia

[illegible]

Gentlemen,

Inclosed you will receive Wm. Donaldson's bill on Messrs. Wickliffe and Griffith's for one thousand dollars at [illegible], which you will please to have negotiated at the Bank, and charge me with discount. This will be necessary as I draw on you this Day in favor of Mr Thomas Wilson for amount of the whole sum, at ten days sight - being greatly disappointed in the mode & extend of remittance from New Orleans.

Yours Sincerely

James O'Hara

Pittsburgh June 23. 1835

Mr. P Chouteau.

Merchant St. Louis.

dear Sir,

I am favor'd with your letter of the 14th of May and I do assure you that I am very sorry for the occasion.

Your loss by the fire and the consequent inconvenience must be great.

I hasten to forward your glass as near to your orders as possible the works being now out of blast Colo Cushing & Capt Wilkinson cheerfully offered to take it in their boats for you to St. Louis - it is delivered to Colo. Cushing & I expect you will receive it in good order.

You will perceive that all the sizes are not agreeable to your orders. I send the whole number of boxes - that you may choose as much as will suit you & sell the remainder - I will be making glass in September & can then furnish all sizes you may order.

You will please to let me have your further orders soon as convenient and extend to such quantity as you think will sell in that country, exclusive of your own demand for your private use. Enclosed you will see my prices at this place I shall have large quantities of bottles, and other hollow glass in Autumn.

I am with sincere regard

J. CH

James Morrison Esq.

Lexington K.

Pittsburgh June 16. 1807.

dear Sir,

I received yours of the 4th - Sanders glass was put up before yours was ordered. there is no doubt of your getting it in the fall.

Your question on the probable expence of erecting Glass Works may be answered correctly. My works you know stand at the Coal pit on the river bank. I was engaged one year before we made glass, the first bottle (a very ordinary one) cost me 10000 dollars this bottle was all the blast produced; had the works pulled down, & began in the new & continued from 1797 till my disbursements exceeded 32000 dollars, Major Craig gave up his connection in them last year. there is no person concerned with me at present, have not been able to reduce the balance due me by this manufactory under 30,000 dollars, exclusive of the fee Simple property.

You are safe in your bet, they cannot make glass with propriety before the 1st of June next. the clay will not bear handling in cold weather, & no good workman wishes to employ pots in less than six Months after they are made.

My works has not averaged 1000 dollars worth ### p month with eight blowers perfectly supported.

You shall see my books when you arrive

I am glad you have recollected my land, you will do# with it whatever you may judge most my advantage. Mr. ### Barney was here last month & still wishes to arrange his Affairs in this place for Lands in that country, I

have assured him that I would leave the closing of the bargain entirely to you, & you are hereby authorised to Sell or exchange the whole or any part of my 3300 Acres in Nelson or Jefferson County in Kentucky, either for cash or property in this Country, the patents are in your hands.

Mr. Pirney values his house here at 32 or 3300 dollars, it is not worth this money - you may have an exchange made not with standing, I will wait for balance as long as he pleases paying Interest.

I shall certainly attend to your business as the office will pay, should any thing appear due, or indispensible to avoid disputes.

You have James Sullivan's conveyance to Robert Campbell of the tract of land at the mouth of Peters creek, I beg you to Send it to me without delay, I cannot do without it.

I wish you Success in your Snuff manufactory & will furnish you with any quantity of Bottles, pounds or half pounds at one dollar p dozen, each or either.

Your's sincerely

James O'Hara

Memorandum of Sails wanted, for E. Doebe's Schooner on a/c J. O'Hara.

For Main Sail Hoist	30 feet
Fore Sail do	25
Bowsprit Out board	18
Top Sail Hoist	22
Top mast	22
Main Gaft	17
Fore do	15
Main Boom	38
Fore Yard	33
Top sail do	25
Jib boom without cap	14

Masts 21 feet apart

Top sail two Reefs

Also 500 lb Oakum

Pittsburgh 24 June 1835

dear Sir,

please to forward on the above described sails to this place, as soon as you can - a credit of four months would be some accommodation - the Oxham will be wanted soon as possible

direct to William, Care of Messrs. Mann, Barnard & Co Merchants Liverpool. - the Ship was at New Orleans. on the 20. ulto.

Your's

James O'Hara

Mr Joseph Cannon

Philada.

Mr William Bell

Merchant Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh June 24. 1803

dear Sir

I have not the pleasure of hearing from you since the 2d May - you then informed me of Sterling's note remaining unpaid, and a balance consequently due you by me. I wish to hear from you soon as convenient if it is yet paid, or what prospect you have of getting it that your account may be settled, & that I may be able to close with Capt. Rodgers.

You will also please to inform me if there is any prospect of raising money in any reasonable time on DeButts's bond left with you some time ago.

Yours very sincerely

James O'Hara

John Young Esq. Greensburg

Pittsburgh June 27th. 1835

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you will receive my account against Genl. St Clair, balance Dolls 3112.13 Cents in my favor exclusive of [illegible] cents - calculated up to the 1st September next.

The last time I saw the General at this place he had hopes of extinguishing this debt soon. I wish you to consult him on the subject soon as possible, and form such means as will raise the money, being positively necessary as I am considerably embarrassed in my cash matters. I hope he will be able to pay without making any Sacrifice of property let me hear from you.

Your's Sincerely

James Ohara

Mr Henry W. Muhlenbergh

Mercht Philada

Pittsburgh July 5. 1805.

Dear Sir,

I am apprehensive that you have not received my letter of the 31st May respecting my request for one qr. cask Sherry & desiring that you would send me two small bales of good corks by the Stage, or one large bale by the very first road waggon - My Porter business is now at an unfavorable Stand wanting this article, you had a bill on McEwen, Hale & Davidson, enclosed in that letter for two hundred dollars.

By a letter received this day from Capt. Lake of the Ship Genl Pusher from New Orleans - he orders that the half pay of Jeremiah Mathiss, paid to his wife shall be stopped, as he deserted from the Ship in that port, on the 29 of May last.

In your letter you inform me that Swerer the Glass Blower had agreed to my terms & is to come on, that you sent him for clay up the Delaware. I wish you may receive the clay, & forward on a waggon load of it, soon as possible, & keep the remainder till carriage will be at five dollars p Cw & I seriously wish you could stop Swerer from coming up, I have very particular reasons for urging this point; make him any reasonable indemnification & save him the trouble of moving if not too late. I was under the necessity of overstocking my works with hands, & I was decieved in respect to this man

Manage this in such way as his sensibility may not be hurt, if he has Set out it's very well.

Send me a bale of good corks, if you have not already Sent them.

Your's Sincerely

James O'Neal

Mr F. A. Anlum

Lorcht Baltimore.

Sir

I am favored with your's of the 23th Ulto. by Mr. Amelung, and highly approve proposition, and shall endeavour to adopt it.

I do not concieve it expedient to send any person to Europe at present

Your last proposal is flattering, there is no person concerned with me in the Pittsburgh Glass works and I am well convinced that no person ever will be concerned in them, until my property heightens. I have been sinking by them since 1797 and the users now owe upwards of thirty thousand dollars to myself alone they must pay me off, and then you shall have the first offer, should I be disposed to have a partner in this manufactory.

Pittsburgh 12 July 1805

Dear Sir

I received your's of the 4th inst and am well pleased that you have forwarded part of the clay, the carriage is lower than I expected the remainder you may detain, untill you can find carriage a 4.50

I wrote you last post & intimated that Swarer would now be too late being full furnished with hands - however he must not suffer any loss by his preparing to come & if he had [illegible]tly at heart he ought to be gratified, though I am disappointed respecting him.

Annexed you have a bill on Mr Ewen Hale & Davidson for two hundred dollars, and you will be further supplied whenever you may require it.

Yours Sincerely

James Ollarr

Mr Henry W. Muhlenberg

Mercht

Philada

Pittsburgh 12 July 1805

dear Sir,

I received your's of the 3d inst and intend to be with you on the 26 August

I wish you to inform me soon as possible whether you have obtained Eli Williams's testimony from Hagerstown or not & whether I shall be obliged to take that rout on my way down & if so, what have I to do?

Your's sincerely

James O'Hara

W. Rawle Esqr

Philada.

Pittsburgh, July 16. 1835

dear sir,

I received your's of the 4 inst covering a letter for Wm. Greenough which was immediately attended to.

Thomas Greenough an Inhabitant here says that his brother William lives in Philadelphia, he has received letters lately from him, and orders Thomas to direct to him, at the Post Office in your City - he has not been at this place during many years past to my knowledge.

I therefore return you the letter directed to Wm. Greenough, I would certainly have paid him $126.52, agreeably to your order if I could find him -

The other Subject contained in your letter was so unexpected that I shall say nothing respecting it untill I see you, which I intend shall be next month

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Wm. Bell

Mercht Philada.

Mr. Henry W. Mühlenbergh

Bercht Philada

Pittsburgh July 16. 1805

dear sir,

the draft enclosed you in my last was not sent ~~[illegible]~~ thro' mistake, you have it now enclosed, and Meeker, Denman & Co acceptance for 73 75/100 in addition, for which you will give me credit, when paid.

No arrivals yet, but I expect the whole very soon. I am entirely out of wine and Mrs. O'Hara is waiting for her tea, and wishes you to send on one barrel of the best single refined Sugar.

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara

Gentlemen

please to pay Mr. Henry W Muhlenbergh Mercht. or order, two hundred dollars, value received. and charge

Your humble Serv

J C.

Mess. Mellwen Hale &

Davidson

Philada.

Mr Daniel Vertenr

Pittsburgh July 18. 1805

dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 19 of April last and have not the pleasure of hearing from you since, if you have received that letter, I wish to hear from you on the subject soon as convenient

Enclosed you have a letter for Maj. John Findley at the blue Licks & I request to add my further directions that may be necessary, that he may receive it without a moments delay, this is of great consequence to me, relative to a suit that I have pending in our courts should the mail not be a very certain method you will please to send by express on my account.

My Glass works are preparing & expect to blow in September next - Your orders will be expected & attended to with pleasure. I have always a good Stock of Window glass

Your's Sincerely

[illegible] July 1st 1803

dear Sir,

Turnbull Mannie & Co to my very great Surprize have brought Suit against me as Contractor for fifty thousand rations of provisions, which they say was bought by John Bradshow in 1787 in Kentucke, and paid for by them and issued to the troops, and placed to the Credit of my Contract - they undertake to prove that they paid all Bradshaws bills drawn for the purchasing of those provisions, the whole including the account which you had Settled here before Richard Butler, Eli Williams & John Wilkins (which I then paid) & their claim now exceeds Sixteen thousand

Now sir, as you know all this to be an infamous speculation - being perfectly acquainted with ever circumstance respecting those purchases payments and issues, it is absolutely necessary for me to have you present at the trial. This cause is positively to be tried before the Supreme Court in Philada on the 26 day of August next of which I have received notice by my lawyers Rawle & Tilman

It may be with reluctance that you will undertake this Journey, but having been so long absent from your friends & private affairs in this country, I hope a visit among us will be very agreeable to you, and when you are to take the absolute necessity of having your personal attendance in order to defeat the plundering Schemes of the Plaintiffs in this extraordinary cause, I am perfectly confident that you will not hesitate in setting out with out delay, so as to be in Philada on the 20th of August next when I shall wait your arrival.

[illegible] your [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your trouble.

Maj. John Findley

Ellis Lock. N

Pittsburgh July 30. 1885

Sir,

I received your's of the [illegible] instant and expect you will easily overcome all your present difficulties

The furnace and ovens of the Stone Glass house are finished, and we will certainly be ready to make glass on the first of Septemb. The Pot House work will go on fast, twenty one barrels of more clay arrived two days ago

The Masons & carpenters are at work at the new houses in the rear, they will be finished before the 1st. September with other improvements.

The characters that you have engaged pleases me very well, I feel confident that you will have a Set, equal to any in the United States. I have agreeably to the arrangements communicated, engaged Wendt Smith & Swerer (who is on his way) as blowers and Winkerly having made his peace, is employed for cutter, old Filius, Joe Filius, Peter Haines, Fallem & young Stanger are employed as labourers and for the Pot room

Young Haines & Joe Filius may be reckoned on as blowers, if necessary and sycould you think proper.

You are very right in procuring the moulds, I wish you to have them complete. Mason informs me that he expects a quantity of clay from Germany, should it come reasonable, I will pay for it on demand. By this Statement you will perceive that I am very glad your Hands are under way, and I hope you will follow soon as convenient - Inclosed you have my bill on McKwen, Hale & Davidson, on account.

Miss [illegible] is under great obligation for your attention, in procuring the Crofft powder, I hope you will succeed --

Your friend & obl serv

James [illegible]

Mr. F H Ancelung

Baltimore

Copy

Pittsburgh 30. July 1865

Messr. Hewson, Hale & Davidson

Philadelphia

Gentlemen

At sight please to pay to the order of Frederick H. Aneburg, two hundred dollars, value received & charge

your humbl Serv

James Ollara

Mr Peter Menard

Kaskaskia

Pittsburgh August 15. 1805

dear Sir

I received your's of the 17th of June and cannot account for the miscarriage & delay of many of my letters to you.

I am sorry you have not collected the debts, as remittance is much wanted - You have no doubt remitted for me agreeably to my letters of the month of March, to Mr John f. Watson Mercht. in New Orleans, all in your power, any quantity of lead as you observe would do there very well.

I am greatly surprised that LeFlever of Arkawea do not pay the money he owes me so long, if he has not paid you must have him Sued immediately, and you will order Suits against every person that remains so long in my debt - I request you will make me some payments soon as possible.

I am glad you have secured my lands - I wish you to procure me drafts and descriptions of the whole, including all you bought for me since I saw you. Employ some proper person to do this for you & pay him for his trouble.

I suspected your titles on the other side of the river Mississippi. I am glad you will save so much. I think you say 6000 acres Especially if you could secure a Lead mine

I requested in my former letter that you would enquire into the bargain between Mr Ferron and Mr Jones, for Vigoe's debt - Should the lands be worth the money you will have them ascertained and choose such

part of the undivided plantation to make up the number of acres, as you may judge bett, agreeably to the articles - a copy of which you have enclosed, and get the titles from Mr Jones - should you approve of the transaction. I also send you a copy of Viego's account as it stood in 1800.

I wish to hear from you often - Your remarks on the trade is very natural but the government will not grant exclusive priviledge at present, however they may favor the Traders in order to accomodate the Indians generally.

Let me have handsome remittances and your list of Goods suitable, and you will hear from me further on the subject

Your's sincerely

James Ollara

Capt. [illegible]

New Orleans. Pittsburgh 28 October 1835

Sir,

Your letter of the 22d of August is received by the last mail, with the first advice of the Ships [illegible] for New Orleans - Your reports are certainly very satisfactory & we hope you are safely arrived at N. Orleans before this time.

Being very desirous to sell the Ship we wish to have her offered for sale, on receipt of this letter, or soon after as possible - she must not go under ten thousand dollars - you know her cost exceeded thirteen thousand. Messrs. Kenner & Henderson will furnish you with any necessary assistance - to them you will apply for advice

In case the Vessel will not sell at present, she will be chartered or take in freight for any of our Atlantic ports (Philadelphia in preference) or to the West Indies, so as to return in time to take in a Cargo of cotton for Liverpool in the Spring. It will be necessary for you to furnish us with very regular information, that we may effect the necessary insurance in all cases.

If William C. O'Hara returns with you in the ship he will be authorised to sell her with appurtenances, for not less than ten thousand dollars, if not you are authorized to dispose of her at New Orleans, or at any other port under the same stipulation taking care that the payment shall be prompt to be remitted to William Bell Merchant of Philadelphia for our account, or to us at this place.

On your settling the freight at New Orleans, you will have one fourth paid to Messrs. Kenner & Henderson for account of John Wilkins jun. and three fourths, transmitted to William Moll at Philadelphia for acct. of James O'Hara - in case of your taking in freight, Kenner & Henderson will furnish you Supplies & out fit. Enclosed you have a Statement of payments made for your Sailing as you desired.

Your family are in good health

yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Duplicate signed by

John Wilkins jr transmitted

31. October

Advances on acct. Wages of Capt. Lake & the Crew of the Ship General Butler 1[illegible]

March 3. [illegible] paid you in full to the 15th inst

[illegible] advanced yourself & others for acct. [illegible] [illegible]

Do pd. Justin & sailors fees for Sutton 5.[illegible]

July 11. Do pd Sarah Mathews wife of Jeremiah Mathews, 4 mo. adv.

a 13 p mo 52.00

Oct. 28. Do Elizabeth wife of Aaron Bryant 8 mo. till 25. inst

at 13 p mo [illegible]

Do Molly Moss same a$ 15 p mo 120.00

Do Mrs. Lake do 120.

the same advance will be paid to Elizabeth Bryant, Molly Moss & Mrs Lake for one month ending the 25 [illegible]

The above exclusive of advances at N Orleans say 229 6/100 & one mo. pay advanced to each of the crew.

Geo. Cochran

Messrs. Henry Weaver & Bour

Greensburgh

Gentle[illegible]

An opportunity having offered by Mr. Kane's Wagons yesterday, I forwarded to you six boxes of glass 8 by 10.

If you do not want the glass for the use of your own house at 6 no. you will be [illegible] to dispose of it [illegible] at 1[illegible] [illegible]/100 per box, on a commission of 5 p.c remitting the proceeds of sales, soon as convenient

You will please to let me know, which of these terms will please you best, and any quantity you think can be disposed of will be furnished you from time to time,

Yours respectfully

Pittsburgh 2[illegible] Oct. 1[illegible]

Mr Joseph Carson, Phila.

Pittsburgh Novem. 12. 1805

Dr Sir,

I received yours of the 28th ult and now enclose you a bill on Messr. McEwen Hale & Davidson for six hundred dollars, Dollars at ten days sight for paying for the schooner's sails and the Half pay to the sailors wives until further advice.

I have not yet heard of the ships arrival but expect she is at New Orleans, it is very probable she will be at Philada before she makes another voyage Of this I will give you notice

I wish ########## you to furnish me with the most correct information you can, of the present duties on tanned leather imported into England

Your's &c

From Joseph Carson

Philada. Novem 16. 1805

Mr James O'Hara

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 25th ulto since which you have not [illegible] me - Several times I have been called upon for the amount of the Schooner's Sails, and I have been obliged to [illegible] amount to morrow. therefore you will by return of the mail send it to me.

My note for the premium on the [illegible], comes due the 29th November You will send me a draft for the amount 65[illegible] dollars that I may know where to get the money. I paid the other day 39 dollars on account of Sailors wages. Several times I have called on McMeaff, but I have got no account from him.

With [illegible] Your obed Serv

Joseph Carson.

Answered the 26th with a bill on McMun Kale & Davidson for $65[illegible] - for premium on the General Butler

Mr John [illegible]

Chillicothe

dear sir

In order to support the very heavy disbursements in Cash necessary for carrying on my manufactory, I am compelled to call on my friends for immediate payment of their accounts, being determined to comply with my own engagement at all events Annexed you have a statement of the amount due by you which I must request you to remit me as soon as possible

The Glass works will again be in [illegible] order in a few days and you may be assured that your further orders shall be punctually complied with

[illegible]

Pittsburg Novem. 29. James O'Hara

Wrote to the following persons stating the amount due by them

Pittsburgh 2 Dec. 1805

Danl. Vertner amt of acc. 632.45

George Clark Danville K amt. 251.9

[illegible]

Pulliam [illegible] Danville Ky.

Amt of acct. Feb. 22. 1805 54.78

Int 6 mo till 22 Dec 1.64

Jackson & Hutchens Gallatin Ten.

John Bustard & Bustard & Baston Louisville

W. Breckenridge & Co. Bairds Town

John Crozier Danville

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear sir,

I received your's of the 29th ulto and as the stroud and Match coat shipped by William on board the Louisiana cannot come to hand in season for my trading first plan -

You will sell the whole on their arrival - the articles were ordered of the first quality and judging by the amount they ought to be so - I know they will not bear a great profit - this will depend on the quantity on hand perhaps your Purveyor will purchase or they will Suit Gay Bryan being orderes purposely for the Mississippi trade

Aaron Bryant deserted from the Ship at Liverpool in September. you will therefore stop his half pay from his wife

Your's sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Joseph Sansom

Philada

Pittsburgh Decem 16. 1805.

Sir

I received your letter of the 2d ulto informing of Joel Williams having obtained a Judgment against me for 1907 59/100 dollars. I am yet ignorant of the nature of his claims or how it is possible that I should be so long in this man's debt, without ever hearing of his demands. I have often applied thro' Mr Connor & Mr Crosby for his statements, but have received none.

You mention Maragan's agency in your letter, which induced me to search such of his papers as are in my power, and there I find his vouchers for cash 1864 31/100 and other payments by Bullock making in the whole Dollars 3600.35 Cents exclusive of any interest - his receipts to Maragan are for cash in full

I must yet request you to furnish me with a transcript of his specified account. I will pay all my just debts with great pleasure, and wish to be better satisfied on this procedure in particular.

If it is in your power to have the Judgement opened or to appeal, I shall personally assist you at further trial - If you cannot succeed in this you will please to send me authentick copies of his account and inform me where the money must be paid and whether he will answer at this place that I may cause it to be paid without any inconvenience to the surety

I will write you again on receipt of your next advice.

I am sir respectfully your hble serv

James O'Hara

Ethan Stone Esq

Cincinnati,

Amount of acc & vouchers forwarded to [illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]
1798				
June 27.	To Cash of D Haragan in full of acc		[illegible]	
	Cash of Do	per act	[illegible]	
	Do Do	Do	[illegible]	
1799 Feb. 16	Cash of Ryne Bullock		[illegible]	1164.31
	Interest			

William Simmons Esq.

War Office

Sir.

I received yours of the 22 Ulto on the subject of John Frantz's Contract for making bolts[?] and convinced that he has not performed I shall cause him to deliver the bolts to Capt. Hooke or refund to him one hundred dollars, which he received at the War Office on that account as soon as possible.

I am Sir Your mo hl Serv

[illegible] Ward

Pittsburgh Dec. 16. 1805.

Capt John Davidson

City of Washington

Dear sir,

Enclosed you will receive Pierce Chouteau's bill on the Secretary of War for two hundred & fifty four dollars, which you will receive & remit me by the mail to this place in Bank Notes.

I seriously wish you to collect all the amount due me, with you, settle with Major Swan, pay his balance, & remit the balance due me to McEwen Hale & Davidson in Philadelphia. I presume it may suit Major Swan or some other of your friends to accommodate Mr S. in my stead

Your's Sincerely

James [illegible]

Pittsburgh

31 Dec 1805

Pittsburgh Decem 31 1835

Dear Sir,

I received your's of the 19th and am satisfied with your sales of the stroud and Match coat being at common Cash prices

You have probably sent all the small articles for this place, they are for my own use including all the earthen ware I wish they may soon arrive that Mrs Ollara may know to complete her orders especially for the Garden seeds. Mrs. Lyckley promised to send her a Carpet, which is also expected.

The precise balance due me by Mühlenberg as stated by himself on the 4th day of September last is 129 74/100 dollars for which Mr. Sheaff will account with you

Your's Sincerely

James Ollara

Mr Joseph Cassum

Mercht

Philada

Mr. Anshing

Pittsburgh Jany. 8. 1806

Sir

Charles Haines having forfeited all claim to indulgence, by his constant practice of getting drunk, and neglecting his business to the great loss and disgrace of the Works he is discharged from my employ, and Joseph Filius will take his pot, till further orders.

Dochl has also (after many repeated abuses of his duty in being drunk in the composition room) become unworthy of any confidence, and is to be immediately discharged from this employ.

You will appoint such persons in place of Filius as Founder, and in place of Dochl as mixer, as you may think respectively capable without delay

Your's

James O'Hara

Jacob Cassell Maguire

Strabane.

[illegible] 1836

Sir

My demand for Pot Ash or schocked salts having encreased this season, I wish you to inform me of the lowest terms on which I may receive a quantity at this place from you, specifying the quantity that you can deliver at certain periods during the ensuing season.

I am now in want of immediate supply and request you to forward me one waggon load without delay - the money will be paid on delivery - you will no doubt be able to procure carriage very convenient as the rates are at present reasonable.

You will please to write me on this subject by the return mail and oblige

Your hble Serv

James O'Hara

Messs Kenner & Henderson
Merchts New Orleans.

Pittsburgh Jany 26th 1806

Gentlemen

By Thomas Forbes you will receive one boat loaded with flour & Flaxseed Oil, agreeably to enclosed Invoice, all of excellent quality and in the best order - you will be further advised in due time.

Thomas Forbes is employed by the trip. Twenty five dollars allowed for his passage to Baltimore or Philada. you can have this done for less & furnish him with the necessary provi dons for his passage -

Michael Lynch is hired by the trip and will draw twenty dolls from you on account. John Salters is also hired for the trip he may want a little money which may be advanced.

Your hble Serv

James O'Hara

Pittsburgh Feby. 1. 1836

Gentlemen

On the 26th ulto. Thomas Forbes left this place with an excellent cargo consigned to your House - enclosed you have a copy of the Invoice.

From the present favorable prospect of good water, I expect this boat will arrive to a good market - I wish you to dispose of the whole as soon as possible and remit me the amount without delay, if this can be done with any degree of promptitude, this business may be extended & conducted regularly - It would be a very great accommodation could we obtain checks from your branch on the Bank of the United States as we have done at Washington - Good bills on Philadelphia on short sight or Branch Bank Notes is preferred to sending specie, the freight & insurance is a great drawback

Our mails have been so irregular, that we did not hear of Ship Genl Butler till last week - we are very well pleased that she got freight for Liverpool & hope she is long under way for that port - She will be ordered back for your house, as soon as we hear of her sailing, part of her cargo is engaged at Liverpool, - you will please to order all that can be obtained, which will be preferred if necessary

I send a beautiful new Schooner off next week. Captn. Beebe commands this vessel. he is part owner with me, the Cargo is on my private account consigned to him - you will give him all the aid in your power It is our wish to sell the schooner for which he is fully authorized.

Should you be anle to contract for more flour or whiskey than you will have on [illegible], you may calculate on receiving a few more cargoes from this place you will please to write me on receipt of this. let me know the real prices of flour, whiskey, oil, porter, window glass &c by every convenient opport nity.

William C. O'Hara has been some time in South Carolina & is expected home next week.

It will be necessary on your settlement with the Boatmen to make their accounts for every article that ought not to have been consumed on board I expect the boat & small articles will be worth something - attending to this hint will be of service

I am &c

J OH

Invoice of Articles shipped on board the Jonch Cadwallader from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, Thomas Forbes Master

300 lbs flour

7 do Flaxseed Oil

1 Axe, 1 Tin Tea Kettle

1 Lanthorn 2 Gimblets

1 Hammer

3 plates 4 tin cups, 3 Table spoons 3 Knives & forks

1 Tin pan, 1 Dutch oven 2 lb nails

1 Skiff

Pittsburgh 25 Jany 1806

Received &c

Mr John Stailey &

Capt J. Dent Morgantown

Gentlemen,

I have submitted to Colo. O'Hara your proposition for furnishing a boat load of flour at Pittsburgh on the 15th of March next at 4.50 cents per barrel, & a reasonable price for the boat, if the river be navigable for boats at that time, or as soon aft r as the water will admit. and he desires me to inform you that he has agreed to your proposal, expecting to get flour of a good quality, and hopes you will send it on as soon as possible

The payments shall be as good as I mentioned to you, two thirds on delivery, and one third in 4 months after & pay in hand for the boat

I am with respect Gentlemen &c

Geo Cochran

Please send an answer immediately, specifying the conditions. -

Pittsburgh 3d Feby 1806

Pittsburgh 3d Feb. 1806

Sir

I take the liberty to enclose to you four hundred dollars in Bank Notes, for Mr. Joseph McKey, for which he will call upon you & sign the annexed receipt.

Mr Bailey requested the money should be remitted to you, & I flatter myself, you will have the goodness to do us this mutual favor.

respectfully Sir your obed serv

For James Ollara

Geo. Cochran

James M Nicholason esq

New Geneva.

Pittsburgh Feby. 3d 1806

Dear sir,

As you have determined on sailing it will be necessary that you now use all possible exertion to pass the Falls as we may expect very cold weather with Ice if not to shut the river, to obstruct the navigation, Should the weather continue open and temperate, I would approve of your going on day & night in the Ohio, of this you are to judge.

On your arrival at the Falls you will take in a pilot for the Mississippi, if you can find a very good one, if not Bradley your present Pilot is engaged to take you to New Madrid, there you will be certain of getting a proper person for the Natchez or New Orleans

If you can dispose of your porter at Louisville or at Massac or New Madrid I have no objections it ought to bring 15 dollars p barrel, it must not go under 12 dolls. On your arrival at the Natchez you will sell all your porter & Whiskey if you can at the above prices or left at the store of Messrs John Wilkins jr & Co. and if your Whiskey does not sell for sixty cents per gallon, you will take it on to N. Orleans.

At New Orleans you will dispose of the schooner both your own half Share and my half share of the Vessel & Appurtenances for such price as you may think proper.

Should you fail in selling the Schooner you will employ her on the Mississippi, or for freight to the Havannah or in any other way on taking the advice of Kenner & Henderson, that may appear most advisable, safe & profitable, insuring in all cases of great risque.

You will please to write me by every possible opportunity. This may be of consequence, & for aught you will be detained, you will place all the monies, you may have of mine in the hands of Kenner & Handerson

Wishing you safe & fortunate Your's sincerely

J CM

Pittsburgh Feby 25th 1806

Dear Sir

I have ordered remittances to be made to you from Monner and Henderson of New Orleans on my account, on receipt of which I wish you to advise me, having immediate use for the money - [illeg] Hall and Foggs acceptance was very promptly paid - I wanted the money in Philadelphia, but this was immaterial.

I observe the assignement of Sterlin calling on his Creditors to exhibit their claims; should property fall short of satisfying you I have no doubt but you will proceed by all means in your power against the purchasers of the Schooner Conquest for complete satisfaction, and such measures as may obtain Justice in this case - let me hear from you.

I am &c

J CN

Mr Wm. Bell

Pittsburgh May 25th 1806

Dear Sir

By the enclosed letter you will perceive that the General Butler would sail from New Orleans for Liverpool in about the 25th of January last, and that she is worthy of being insured on the very best terms. You will please to have insurance effected on the ship for ten thousand dollars for the voyage out to Liverpool,, and back to new Orleans, or any other port in the United States. She is again destined for New Orleans - this ought to be done without any delay - Thomsers arrived with the articles you sent by him, in good Order, as no Invoice has yet been received, I expect you have settled with the custom House in their own way - and have sent on the Glass and earthen ware - I wrote you last week that I would draw on account of your sales to Mr Cox - let me hear from you -

Y OH

Mr Joseph Carson

Pittsburgh Feb. 18th 1806

Gentlemen.

I have drawn on you this day for two hundred dollars in favor of John K McNickle being in all since my last letter twelve hundred dollars, I wish you to furnish me my account, stating precise balance by the next mail. I have ordered funds to be placed in your Hands which I have not yet heard of.

Your's sincerely

James O'Hara

Messrs McKwen Hal & Davidson

Phila

Pittsburgh March 10. 1806

Sir

I received your's of the 5th by Mr Liteen & send you three hundred dollars by him; the balance will be paid you on receiving the flour at this place.

One hundred barrels will be taken at Frederick Town, and any quantity that you will deliver at this place on or before the 20 inst, not to exceed three hundred barrels & a good 53 feet boat according with your agreement with Mr Cochran. None will be received after the 20th inst except it may be under a new agreement

Your friend & hble serv

James Ollara

H Heaton Esq.

Pittsburgh March 27 [1806]

Sir

You will proceed with the four boats under your command No. 10, 11. 12, 13, for New Orleans & t are delivering whole to Mr George Cochran from this place or in his absence to Messrs. Hunter & Henderson Merchants there-

You will not permit any unnecessary delay, but proceed without going on shore day nor night, except in cases of extreme necessity. You have two small hangos for necessary purposes. Should any of the hands become insufficient or mutinous on the passage down you will exchange them as soon as you can, taking care to do justice to all parties, and if your rest should fall short by reason of head winds or casualties you will procure sufficiency by purchase on your way.

Wishing you a safe & speedy return I am yours &c

James Ohara

Mr James Robertson

Pittsburgh March 20th 1806

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 17th instant and cannot account for great rise on the insurance from 7 to 9 per Cent the order however is certainly approved of.

Your advice of payment from Mr Carson is attended to, & I have drawn in favor of Mr Thomas Wilson our cashier, at ten days sight which may not be presented for some time

By sundry letters from Capt Lake, it appears that none of the first crew stays by the ship except Mr Hess (the incite) and that he would order stoppage of any further payments in Philadelphia I expect he has written to Mr West on this subject ' that you have paid none but Mrs Hess at all event you will pay no more else, & furnish me with your statements Your lands will be particularly attended to.

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Joseph Carson

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh 14 March 1806

Dear sir

I am glad you received the Window glass in good time by Henry Nelson, the Invoice was mislaid & forgot

He received eight boxes 8 by 10 & 2 boxes 7 by 9 window glass, which you will receive on your own account at my prices here, that is 12 doll$ for 8 by 10 & 11 for 7 by 9 or sell on my account at 13 dollars 50 cents for 8 by 10 and 12.50 for 7 by 9 on which you will have a commission 5 pc not exceeding those prices by the box.

Your Hollow Ware could not be sent, orders in this way require a little time. I do not make white glass. yet in quantity, I will send you a parkage of small a ticles b first opportunity the ware is better than the imported the colour & quality is the same as the window glass. I shall make whiter in the course of the s mmer. I am pleased with your giving my glass a trial at Chambersburgh & wish you to inform your brother of the optional prices, they will be the same at his House only adding the difference of carriage, from Bedford to Chambersburgh which will be a trifle

I am prepared to furnish you with any quantity you will please to order on a few days notice for packing Hollow Ware, window glass of common sizes is always ready.

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Terence Campbell.

Pittsburgh April 1st 1806

Dear Sir

I send you by Speer's Waggon

9 Boxes Window glass 8 by 10.	$108
3 half Boxes 10, 12 at 13.6 3/4	19.75
	127.75

for which you will please send me by him arr Iron; a few axe barrs & square a few barrs; and as much more Iron as you wish to have glass for; which will be sent immediately on your order -

I am your Humbl Servant

James Gibson

Mr John Dunlap

Centre

Pittsburgh April 1st 1806

Dear Sir

The sundry bills drawn on you amount to two thousand two hundred dollars you will now receive Benja. Morgans bill on Chandler Price, for eight hundred & fifty two 99/100 at sixty days which you will please to have accep ed as I shall draw in due time for the whole amount -

I have engaged Judge Young to have the necessary enquiries made concerning your lands he is now on that circuit. I could not inform him the name mentioned in the warrants but presume it to be your own name; you must inform me & see if the No 227 is not in a different district said to be on Cherry run. Acres 311.54 - the taxes will be paid if we can find the proper offices. You will please to mention to Mr Bell that the remittances ordered to his hands from New Orleans have been suspended, it will be some time before they arrive.

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Joseph Carson

Pittsburgh April 1st 1806

Mr Terrence Campbell

Dot of James O'Hara

5 dozen pint tumblers at 167		8.35
20 do 1/2 pint do at 100		20 -
20 do pint Flasks	120	24 -
10 do quart Bottles 160		16 -
2 do 1/2 pint decanters 150		3 -
1 do quart do 300		3 -
1 do pint do 200		2 -
packages		1.82
		78.32

Dear Sir

By Abram Shiffer & John [illegible] when you will receive the above articles & I expect in good order, they are at the lowest Pittsburgh Cash prices; any quantity that you think proper to order will be forwarded regular as possible the carriage is agreed on at one dollar per Hundred; it is intended to make white glass this season.

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr T. Campbell

Bedford

Pittsburgh April 8th 1806

Gentlemen

I received yours of the 29th of feby covering Benjamin's Morgan's bill on Chandler Price Esq. for 855 dollars & fifty cents at 60 days sight for part of home freight due the genl Butler -

On the 26th January I consigned one boat to you, byt Thos Forbes with flour & Flax-seed oil, which I hope arrived safe and to a good market - you were advised to sell the cargo & remit without delay.

I have also consigned to you two boats on the 16th of february by T. Henderson & on the 3rd of March 2 Boats by Robert Guthrie & Christopher Magee all loaded with flour wishing the whole to be well sold & the neat proceeds remitted to me as soon as possible. Mr. George Cochran descended from Charleston with 4 Boats on the 23rd of March & James Robertson with 4 more on the 28th - the last 8 boats are consigned to Mr Cochran, one of the number belongs to himself - he will however have to apply to your house for assistance and in case he cannot sell, the cargoes will be left with you to be disposed of. It is intended that Wm O'Hara will descend with one thousand barrels more by the first rise of the waters being now very low. You will readily perceive that I have entered considerably into our flour trade, but I am not very sanguine in my hopes of great profits. I wish the whole could be well sold as soon as possible, intending to pursue some thing in this way during the ensuing season or longer if justified -

The quantity now under way may be averaged to have cost six dollars exclusive of Insurance storage there, & commissions - I see by the Liverpool correspondence that cotton has fallen very low & flour is quoted very high - will not your shippers try the flour at present in preference?

I have informed you ? Capt. Beche's having descended with a new schooner and a quantity of flour, would you advise him to take out a cargo for the Havannah or any of the Islands, in this case I would have no objections but would prefer his selling cargo & schooner in your country; in either case I am satisfied you will afford him all the aid in your power.

I am gentlemen yours &c

James Ollara

Messrs Kanner & Henderson.

Pittsburgh April 8th [1806]

Dear Sir

In your £5 over haste to exhibit your new account, you omitted giving me credit for Spencers drafft, & committed to afew small errors You state your ballance due you on the 3rd Decemr last - - - 18,3,1 [Ed. here is the statement of account.]

Will be sent by James next month Yours sincerely

James Ollara

Mr Wm McKonney

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh April 8th 1806

Dear Sir

In consequence of the flattering prospects of your last letter I have been making very free with my resources, & seriously hope you are not disappointed in your expected settlement with Mr Stoddart. I shall be under the necessity of placing funds in the hands of McIlwen, Hale, & Davidson on the first of next month & do positively depend on your assistance. Your friends here are all very healthy possessing peace & plenty

Present my affectionate respects to your brother James & Friends & let me hear from you without delay

Yours sincerely

James OHara

My compliments wait on friend Swann his Elegant packet came duly to hand

Capt John Davidson

Washington City -

May 13th 1806

wrote to John McDougall Esqr, Chillicothe for Amt. of his Notes

$550.57

Pittsburgh May 30 1806

Dear Sir

The hopes of seeing you prevented my Writting sooner, your letter of the 20th. instn. I received last evening and promise myself the pleasure of being near you on the 7th July - Mr Brackenridges testimony will certainly be very necessary whether by interogatory or supeana. lays with you having all the papers a few proper question may be sufficient -

Mr Ross is not returned, and I suspect he cannot be down in time but feel confident you have nothing to apprehend - not a word relative to my action against Miles. I hope this is or soon will be settled.

Enclosed you will receive fifty Dollars on a/c of the expence Mentioned

yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Wm. Rawle Esqr

Pittsburgh May 30, 1806

Dear Sir

I received your letters of the 10th April and 17th inst. -and now enclose Chadlen Prices acceptance endorsed - expecting to be down early in June accounts for not writting sooner. I shall not get to the city till early in July - without knowing the exact balance with you I shall draw on you by the next post for seventeen Hundred & fifty Dollars at ten days sight

Mrs. O'Hara wishes to know whether you received you r Venison having heard nothing of it. she fear it has been mislaid

I am yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Mos Carson

Pittsburgh May 30. 1806

Dear Sir

Being advised by letters from Liverpool that the Ship General Butler was to sa l for Philadelphia on the 20th of April, contrary to our arrangements, we request you to pay very particular attention in receiving the Vessell and cargoe from Captain Lake, immediately on her arrival and as he will no doubt, come off for this place to his family, you will appoint a proper pers n to take charge of her and report to us without delay -

having received no information on the subject of cargoe or freight, we have onl to request you to have such part as comes on frei ht properly delivered and accounted for, and such part as may be on account of the owners disposed of, soon as this can be safely done, and hold the proceeds, subject to either of our Orders -it is our wish to sell the Ship Gen ral Butler. she has gained the name of being a fine Vessel and an excellent sailor, she cost us first upwards of twelve thousand Dollars, and her additional outfitts at New Orleans being very extravagant -costs in the whole above Sixteen thousand Dollars. We ordered he to be sold previous to those additions for not less than 10,000 Dollars, and are yet disposed to sell for any price exceeding this sum - We do not expect this Ship will sell in Philadelphia, you may however give her a fair trial, and if your cannot sell, we wish her sent on freight or charter, either directly to New Orleans or by any of the West Indies for New Orleans - you will (if any thing more favorable should offer) charter her for any place or post you may think proper, taking care to have insurance effected on the Ship -

It will be necessary to have a particular Inventory tak[illegible] article appertaining to the ship, and advertise for sale. [illegible] Charter if you please, expecting to hear from you

We are yours sincerely

James Gibson

and for John Willing jr

Mr Joseph Carson

Elizabeth June [illegible]

Sir.

I received your Statement and a/c Current of the 1st. instant and find it very Correct the $409.90 received by Shires was duly entered by Mr. Cochran, but owing to his absence it was not posted and this was the Cause of the apparent variance in my Ledger -

Your Credit has not, nor do I conceive it ever will suffer in my opinion the observations of your friend are void of candor and very ungenerous.

2 Boxes 12 by 16 and 3. 13 by 16 was ordered for you on the [illegible] of May and none on hand, part is here ready [illegible] and this Day the [illegible] has the remainder this was intended to go by Mr. Oliver

Your Porter is ready and will [illegible] on soon as possible -

Your friend & Hl. Servt.

Mr. Lewis Sandoro

Lexington

Pittsburgh June 15th. 1835

Dear Sir.

I received yours of the 3d., and Inst. Current and find that you have been disappointed respecting the net proceeds of your Match Coat & Stroud, according to this Account there is a loss upon the whole

Enclosed you will receive Geo. J. Whillip's bill on Geo. A. Woolsey of New York for fifteen Hundred Dollars, at sixty days endorsed by me, which you will please to have presented in due time, and, when paid passed to my Credit. -

I expect the pleasure of seeing you in Philadelphia on the 5th of July. -

the destination of the ship Genl. Butler was (in good time) Changed for New Orleans, I expect she is now at that port

Yours Sincerely -

James Ollara

Joseph Carson

Mercht. Philadelphia.

June 20 1806

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to receive yours of the 13th inst. and am satisfied so far with your arrangements. Swan must be paid as soon as he desires, and the ballance you will remit as ordered, so as to meet me in Philadelphia on the 7th of July - it appears me great pleasure to hear of my friends happiness. I shall probably see you in the course of the ensuing Winter but positively I shall not in the very Honble. way that you so very handsomly anticipate

Write and remit for me at Philaa. till further orders

My affectionate respects wait on ############# James & Swan & Hagner

yours Sincerely

James Ollare

Mr. Jas Lawliner

Pittsburgh June 27th 1836

dear sir.

agreeably to your arrangement on your last parting, I leave with Mrs. O'Hara your Conveyances, six in Number which you will have acknowledged, - your Account Current with the papers [illegible] me, you will sign one copy for me and take the other, you will also leave your Accounts with rects. (meaning) those Entered to [illegible] Account Current.) Your Notes are left for you with Mrs. O'Hara

In order to obtain the patents, it for the Kiskiminitas tracts not [illegible] you will have to give me a Mill[illegible], [illegible] I engage to furnish you with my Deed immediately for your [illegible], on this point you will please to act as you think [illegible] -

James Morrison
Lexington

James O'Hara

[illegible]

[illegible] July [illegible]

Dear Sir

I did not receive your letter [illegible] with [illegible], and having no doubt of your being at Baltimore before this time, I have not Ordered any insurance to be effected on the Schooner. You cannot get a price to please you - but perhaps you expect too great a [illegible] [illegible] like of your owners, I can form no opinion, I wish the Schooner in [illegible] hands, as with all your industry your profits will not compensate you for your absence and great distance from your Family and home.

You will have a better chance of selling in Baltimore, than at Philadelphia at present, but in case of your sending her to Philadelphia, you will consign to Joseph Carson Merchant there, with Orders to sell - Charter or send for freight, as he may think best - Write me to that place, soon as possible, and let me know your arrangements -

Your Family are well

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Capt. E. [illegible]

Pittsburgh July 29th 1836

Gentlemen

Enclosed you will received Keith Pyrace's Bill on the Secretary of the Navy for one thousand dollars at Sight. and Shanley on [illegible] Griffith, for thirteen hundred and thirty dollars at sixty days sight. amounting to 2330 dollars, which you will place to my Credit, and hold subject to my orders, as I shall probably draw on you next week.

I wish to hear of your receiving remittances from Washington.

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Messrs. McEwen, Hale & Davidson

Pittsburgh July 1836

Sir

I am favoured with your letter of the 10th instant, with the remaining halves of Bank Notes making in all two hundred and seventy dollars, for the credit of John Instone, and this sum is entered on his note, which leaves but a small balance due us -

Your Obliged & humb. Servan

James Ollara

Mr. Eliph McDuaig

Pittsburgh Augt. 1, 1803

Gentlemen

I wrote you on the 29th. Ult. Covering [illegible] sch spencers Bill on the sec. of the Navy for One Thousand Dollars at [illegible] Nicklin & Griffith for 1330 Dollars. at 60 [illegible] sight, for my Credit when paid.

You will now receive enclosed a Bill solon. Millen junr. on [illegible] John Millen Baltimore for Dollars 2000. at 60 days Indorsed by John [illegible] Wedderstrandt, which you will please to place to my Credit and hold for my orders.

I wish to hear of your having received remittance from Washington, being now ready to draw Bills. -

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Messr. McEwen Hale & Davidson

[illegible] 1840

Dear Sir

your letter of the 11 ulto I read with pleasure, Parents only know, every attention relative to Mr Pingards family shall be attended to with sincere pleasure, I write him by this Mail.

I wish my James to be present at next commencement, he has mentioned that you may be expected at this place in the course of this fall. I beg you to afford him an opportunity of waiting on you, or any of your amiable family to my house. he is gratefull and sincere

I am your affectionate & very humble Serv

James Thane

Revd. Doct. saml S smith

Princeton

Pittsburgh Sep. 12. 1806

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 14th. August and immediately made the necessary application to the best boat builders on the subject - you will certainly be accommodated in preference - I have ordered your Boat to be finished on a plan that will please Mrs. Pintard. this however will not be complete untill we have the pleasure of seeing her, orders which then be complied with

our Waters are this day lower than they have been for thirty five years and I believe since Noah, no craft of burthen can move.

our roads over the mountains to this country are better than before I do therefore recommend that Mrs Pintard and family should proceed for this place without delay - as the making of our navigation must depend on the river of our roads on the prospect of rising water, your Boat shall be in hand it is not proper to have t is kind of boat long out of water - I shall expect to hear from you on your way

I am sir your very Hbl Servt

Jas Ellard

Mrs Caroline Pintard Nej

Pittsburgh Sept. 19th 1836

Dear Sir

I have your letter on the subject of your purchase of Capt Rebee's half of the Schooner Betsey - I wish you to have my half insured in old cases of hazard, at not less value than two thousand Dollars; and I wish to see your disbursements soon as possible; this may be necessary for my settlement with Rebee -

He has left your note with Elias Glenn Esqr for my use you have his receipt enclosed take up the note for my credit. Mr Glenn may be entitled to some fee, & it seems probable that something may be recovered on the suits left with him by Rebee -

Your friends here enjoy perfect health & happiness

I am your sincere friend

James Gillam

J. Rebee

A Receipt of E. Glessons enclosed.

[ed. Glenn's?]

Natchez Sept 19th 1836

Sir

Presuming that you have sold 8 bales of Cotton consigned to you by George Cochran from New Orleans by the schooner Betsey Capt Hobbs, for my use, I request you to remit the nett proceeds to me to this place, by a draft; or in your bank notes; by the mail, or first good opportunity that may suit you -

Your ml Servt

James O'Hara

Mr John Trimble Norcht

Baltimore

[illegible]

Dear Sir

The Cole King has on the 1st I embrace the first opportunity of sending your window glass, by Mr Craig of Washington K, which I hope you will receive safe & in good time to finish your house before Winter.

[illegible] and tar, in what and fine order, any quantity you may require ought to be ordered as soon as possible that you may receive it before the river shuts

I shall expect to hear from you soon.

I am yours sincere y

[illegible]

Mr Lewis Sumlers

Lexington

The Annual Meeting on September 16th of Acme Class 1 [illegible] Class 13 by 16, 14 Lance 12 by 18 for [illegible]

Signed: L. & J. Craig.

Pittsburgh Sept. 30th 1806

Dear Sir

I received your letter & statement in which I expect you have committed some considerable Error, I wish you to let me have the account current, from the beginning when convenience.

I have directed George Cochran who is Now at New York, to deposit with you one thousand Dollars this sum I expect you will receive immediately & if you should not be prepared at any time to meet any bill from me with proper funds, you certainly can have one or two thousand dollars done, for me, & I will cheerfully, pay discount.

We are all very well, & praying for your health & happiness. let me hear from you —

Yours sincerely

James Ewart

Mr Joseph Carson

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh Sept 20th. 1836

Gentlemen

I have drawn on your last mail for eighteen hundred Dollars, and on the 2nd of October I shall draw for two thousand Dolls more in favor of Mr Thos' Wilson Cashier.

Mr George Cochran who is now at New York will place funds in your hands & other remittance are ordered for you on my account.

Should my bills on you for two or three months be put to be over the amount of two or three thousand, you will have it done, for me on the best terms, this may not however be necessary - I wish to hear from you on this subject

I am yours very sincerely

James Ohara

Messr Hollmon Hale & Davidson

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh Sept 30th

Dear Sir

I have your two letters from New York - great satisfaction in learning of your safe arrival; I approve of the plan of selling off your return cargoes at all events, your final estimate is equal to any that can yet be made from New Orleans the prospect there is no better than you can fix, I have received no remittance of consequence but have fair prospects.

I have shown your letter of the 19th to David Evans, he [illegible] money here you will therefore pay Joseph Carson one thousand Dollars on my account and deposit all my ballance with Evans's & any other money you may have for this place, in the hands of McKean Hale, & Davidson in Chesnut Street Philadelphia for my account, in this you will be very particular, as I have already drawn on that house on faith of your returns, presuming that you will have the sixty days notes you mention discounted in New York. Your Fathers family & friends here are all well & wish to see you - Mrs O'H. desires you to forward one barrel fine brown sugar one barrel loaf sugar & coffee & desires G. Cheaff to send one quarter cask best cherry -

J. O'Hara

Mr George Cochran

Philadelphia

[illegible] Dec [illegible]

Dear Madam

I should have answered your letter before this date if I had any infor ation to give you on the subject -

Your land being now in Cramford Scurbay, distant from this place, I have to send to Headville to have the necessary enquiry made & shall let you know as soon as possible -

Your sincerely friend & Huml Servt

James O'Hara

Mrs Elizabeth Helm

New Orleans

Pittsburgh Octor. 3rd

Dear Sir

I wrote you again on the 13th of May last requesting you to remit me the amount of your notes $55[illegible] / enable long due in my hands but have not been favoured with a reply –

Such neglect in my friends has rendered i[illegible] absolutely necessary for me to become very pressing for money due me, to enable me to carry on my manufactories & assure you in particular I rely for assistance

I shall expect to receive remittance from you by the next mail for which I shall anxiously look out –

My Glass works are now in full blast & fine order and your further orders shall be duly attended to –

I am your Hl Servt

James Ollara

John McDougall Esq

Chillicothe

Pittsburgh October [illegible]

Dear Sir

On the day that I received your letter, your land was sold at the town of Butler, thirty miles from this place. I sent off, immediately, and before the deeds were drawn, the gentleman who purchased, gave it up, & received your check

Your best way now will be to write to Mr Ayres Esq Prothonotary, of that county, & enable him to have your business, attended to, which he will very cheerfully undertake, at my request -

I r obt. Friend & Servt

James Ellara

Jr Robt Carry Phil.

[illegible]

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 2[illegible] & have settled with [illegible] Neville for the clay, on his statement he receives my bill of [illegible] on Mr Lewis Saunders in your favor; at thirty days sight, for [illegible] dollars, the full amount; which will be paid in due time.

I am yr very Hubl Sevt

[illegible]

[illegible] Esqr

Pittsburgh Octr. 10th

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive my document against sundry of your Gentlemen in Lexington which you will please to collect for me not sent.

Mr. A. LeRound 372. [illegible]

and interest.

Mr. Alexander Parker - 172.13 1/2

Messrs. Barton & [illegible] 136.20 136.20

Amount of invoice for you by Geo Cochran in my hand [illegible]

And I have this day taken the liberty of drawing on you, in favor of Henry Purviance Esqr. for 524 dollars, & 92 cents; at 30 days after sight which you will pay, & remit [illegible] Balance, as soon as you can. I wrote you on the 29th ult per mail & s ent your Window Glass by Mr. I. Craig of Washington - Write me -

I am yours Sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Loris Saunders

[illegible]

Gentlemen

I wrote you on the 30th ultimo; & on the 31st inst. I have drawn on you for two thousand five hundred Dollars at ten days sight this may not be presented for some ti e. -

I have directed Mr George Cochran to place funds in your hands for me; & you will receive inclosed, Kenner & Henderson's bill, on O. & I Aspinwall of New York at 60 days sight for one thousand Dollars. Should it be necessary you will have this bill or any other I may remit discounted, in the common way on my account. this I expect will seldom be the case.

I am Gentlemen yours very sincerely

J. Ohase

Messrs. Kenner, Hale & Davidson

Philadelphia

[illegible] [illegible] 1[illegible]

Dear Sir

I received a letter some time ago from Messrs Hale & Davidson with advice of your having remitted them [illegible] 2000/ on my account but have not the pleasure of hearing from you directly, since [illegible] my best; a few lines from you would certainly be very agreeable - Mr John [illegible] me some time ago that lawyer - whom I employed once, in your city, & to whom I paid fifty dollars for confusing my business, & remarkably no manner of service (to your knowledge), has demanded fourteen Dollars for claims for advice, when [illegible] suits, which this said lawyer totally neglect; you will [illegible] inconvenience [illegible] to Mr Coyle in this case- Let me have a statement of your health & prospects, & of my account and believe/ me to be yours &c

[illegible]

Capt. John Davidson

Pittsburgh 13. Oct. 1836

Messrs. Hoffman & Seton

New York

Gent

At sixty day sight please to pay to the order of Mr Joseph Cowen the balance of the nett proceeds of 61 puncheons of Rum on account of Your's respectfully

Geo. Cochran

Dr sir

You will please to have the inclosed bill accepted & when collected placed to the credit of James Clara Ray.

respectfully your obed serv.

Geo. Cochran

Mr Joseph Carson

Pittsburg 24 Octr 1833

Dr Sir,

Enclosed you will receive your receipt to George Cochran for [illegible] & Seton's acceptance for 1500 dollars and Potter & Page's [illegible] 1630 33/100 dollars.

You have also Geo. Cochran's order on Hoffman & Seton for balance of nett proceeds of Nun s pposed to be about 800 doll

You will have these acceptances discounted and settle [illegible] Hale & Davidson paying the balance of their account.

I remitted them Manner & Henderson's Bill on [illegible] New York for 1000 Dollars, on the 10 Inst.

You will take my letter to George Cochran of Pittsburgh out of the Post Office, and send me on the Stores mentioned soon as convenient

Your's very sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr Joseph Carson

Merchant

Philada.

Pittsburgh Oct. 21. 1836

Sir

I shall want in the course of of the ensuing winter, two waggon load of your best Potash or scorch'd Salts -

You will please to send me oneload as soon as you can after the receipt of this letter, the other load may also come on soon [illegible], but should you prefer employing the same Waggon for two trips it will suit me very well.

The carriage is now available, [illegible] Baltimore to this place. You will however make the best terms you can - let your agreement with the waggoners be positive, to have it [illegible] at my Glass Works at this place - the Money for both Potash & carriage will be paid to your orders, any time after delivery.

You will please to write me by the return mail and oblige Your [illegible] Serv.

James O'Hara

Jacob Carroll Esq

Baltimore Md.

Pittsburgh Octr. 21. 1836

Dear Sir,

I am requested by Elizabeth Heine a desolate Widow Lady of Germantown to procure information relative to 200 acres of land belonging to her and in her name in the 9th district in Crawford county soldier's name Valentine [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] is apprehensive that this land has been sold for taxes Your assistance in ascertaining this fact & in finding how it may be settled with the purchaser if sold and in paying the taxes due will greatly serve the widow & orphans and oblige

Your friends & hl serv.

[illegible]

Thos. K. Kennedy Esq

Meadville

Reconciliation of Accounts with orders [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Messrs Mann, Barnard & Co.

Liverpool

Gentlemen,

Messrs. Kerner & Henderson of New Orleans inform us 22 August, last that they had shipped to you on our acct. 50 Hhds first quality tobacco & 5002 Hhd staves & Heading (calculating one fourth double) amounting tothree thousand two hundred & fifty nine Dollars fifty three cents, on which they ordered Insurance on $3259. -

We wrote you on the 22d Sept last to have Insurance effected, to cover eight thousand dollars on the Ship from N. Orleans to [illegible] back to N. Orleans

We have agreed that Gen. O'Hara shall draw on you for the proceeds of the Tobacco & Staves, on board the General Butler on account of owners - He has therefore drawn on you in favor of Joyn Wilkins Jr [illegible] two sets of exchange, one dated 20 [illegible] 1836 for [illegible] days payable in London & the other dated 29. October 1836 for £450 - st. [illegible] 60 days sight payable in London - These bills you will charge to acct. of Gen. O'Hara & credit the proceeds of the tobacco & staves to his account, together with the whole of the freight of this voyage by the General Butler. You will also charge his acct. with the premium of Insurance effected on the Ship Genl Butler from N. Orleans to [illegible] & her return to New Orleans. This of course will counterwail [illegible] part of our letter of the 22d Sept. last which directed credit to [illegible] each of our accounts for the proceeds of the cargo on account of owners,

& for the freight of the ship Genl. Potter in proportion to the shares of cash in the ship.

We are Gentlemen very respectfully your ob. serv.

[illegible]

Jno Wilkins jr.

Mr Joseph Carson Philada.

Pittsburgh Oct. 29. 1835

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will receive my two sets of exchange, one for five hundred pounds Sterling, dated the 20th inst. and one for two hundred & fifty pounds dated this day drawn in favor of John Wilkins jr on Barnard & Co Merchants of Liverpool payable in London at sixty days after sight, indorsed by John Wilkins jr.

You will please to have these bills endorsed & disposed of for my credit they must not go without the Cash & highest price. Write me soon as convenient as I will not draw until you may be in cash.

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Pittsburgh Oct. 27. 1831

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the [illegible] relating to Ensign John Paine formerly of the levies, as I was not with the levies. I have no knowledge of the circumstances alluded to in your letter.

I knew an Ensign Paine with Gen. Wayne's army, who [illegible] at this place in the summer of 1792. His father [illegible] within a few miles of Harrisburgh – Our representative from [illegible] Magnis may probably be able to give you the necessary information, or should I become better informed, I shall write to you with great pleasure.

I am with sentiments of sincere respect

Your ob. Hble Serv

James O'Hara

Hon'ble

Gabriel Duval Esq

Ethan Stone Esq. Cincinnati

Pittsburgh 27. October 1806

Dear Sir

I have before me your favor of the 18th Ulto.

I wish you to procure a copy of McIlbon's account, and if on examination the amount appears to be due him, it shall be remitted immediately.

I find two payments by Rice Pullock viz Jan. 1800 cash 15 -

& do. 30

other payments may appear on ascertaining the nature of his claim.

respectfully Dr sir Your obed serv.

Mr Joseph Carson

Merchant Philada

Pittsburgh Novem. 4 1836

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 29th ulto enclosing you two Sets of exchange drawn on Mann Barnard & Co. Merchts of Liverpool indorsed by John Wilkins jun (one Sett for £500 & one for £250 Sterling) to be sold for my credit. You have this day enclosed Messrs. Mann r & Henderson's bill on Messrs G & J Maplewell of New York dated New Orleans Sept. 26th, in my favor for two thousand dollars at 60 days sight which you will have negotiated & placed to my credit.

I am &c

J Ol

Mr Joseph Gorman

Philadelphia

[illegible] 1[illegible], 1[illegible]

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 4 inst. enclosing you Kenner & Henderson's bill on Moss, G & J Aspinwall of New York for two thousand dollars and this day their bill on the same for one thousand dollars dated 6 [illegible] payable at 60 days which you will please to have accepted for my credit in due time.

George Cochran had ordered his letters to be taken to Tolliver's - this is immaterial the Stores ordered over only one Quarter Cask of C Sheaff's best sherry, and one barrel of Loaf Sugar & Coffee, and [illegible] of best brown Sugar you will have sent on. the preserves are [illegible]

I wish to hear from you Judge Young sends me a Message, that your lands are all entered & taxes paid

Your's sincerely

James O'Hara

Terence Campbell Esq. Bedford.

Pittsburgh Nov. 14. 1836

Sir

Your letter by Mr Spencer with one hundred dollars, and your letter of the 10th Inst. has been received.

I have had no Glass of 8 by 10. on hand since I received your letter. therefore could not send it, all the other sizes are in store, [illegible] whole order, would certainly be compli[illegible] [illegible] -

You will receive this by the return [illegible], that no time may be lost in your accepting the Overtures from New Geneva being considerably more reasonable, as stated by you. My price at this place for 8 by 10. will not be under $12 per 100 feet.

Should you be disappointed in your offered Supply, I will furnish you with pleasure as soon as possible

You will please to write a line on this subject, when you may think proper

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Messrs Hunter & Henderson

New Orleans

[illegible]

Gentlemen;

I have received your's of the 7th ult. with your bill on Gilbert & John Aspinwall of New York, for one thousand Dollars, at sixty days sight. Your statement and account current was also received a few days ago. The balance of this perplexing business is in requisition and expected every post.

You will receive enclosed John M. Pintard's draft on Judge Prevost, endorsed by me for two hundred dollars, which you will please to collect and remit me in your Branch Bank Notes. I wish all your remittances had been in this way.

I hope the General Butler will be returned to New Orleans before this reaches you, that you will have her cargoe for Liverpool ready, and order her agreeably to the arrangement in your last letter to [illegible], with which they are well satisfied. Your account current has [illegible] yet particularly examined

Your's sincerely

Col. Thos. H. Cushing

New Orleans

Pittsburg Nov. 14. 1826

Dear Sir,

Having some transactions with Mr John M. Pintard, on his way at this place, I assigned him your note for three hundred & fifty dollars, which he proposes to remit to Judge Prevost.

the other note I will remit to Kenner & Henderson of New Orleans in a few days, which will no doubt be very agreeable to you

We often hear of you, but never from you.

I am Dear Sir Your's sincerely

James Ogden

Thomas Clare Esq.

Pittsburgh Nov. 21, 1836

Dear Sir

Wishing to try every method that may promote the improvement & Oeconomy of my Glass Manufactory, I send Mr George Cochran to you for a Sample of the Sand used at the Geneva Works, being informed that it is clearer than the Bank sand that I have been using

Mr Cochran is prepared to have a Boat load brought down (with your permission) any advice or assistance you may be pleased to give him shall be acknowledge by your old friend & very hble Serv

James Ellwa

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13th is received & the contents highly approved on the 11th I enclosed you Renner & Henderson's Bill on Gilbert & [illegible] Aspinwall of New York for $1000 a 60 days sight which I expect you [illegible] received - On the 13th I drew on you favor of Thos Wilson cashier $1000 at 10 days. I shall not want any cash at this place this season, therefore wish that no money may be remitted to me 'till further orders - I shall draw on you for two thousand dollars on the 27th instant at [illegible] days sight; & on the 4th Decr. for $1000 more - preserves arrived [illegible] sweet condition -

Yours sincerely

J. O'Hara

Mr Joseph Carson

[illegible]

Dear Madam

The Gentleman to whom I applied [illegible] your land in Hardford county was absent at the time I wrote and is not yet returned - On enquiry I find the Donation Tract No. 1919 in your name was sold for the Taxes of the year 1801,2,3,4 - Dollars 11.6 country & road [illegible] Expenses, costs, selling, advertising &c 5.45 $18.71 I will immediately remit to Meadville & have no doubt of having your land released, I believe it is of good quality & ought to sell higher than you mention.

Your sincere friend & Humble Servt

[illegible]

Mrs Mahan

Pittsburg Decr. 10. 1836

Sir,

Inclosed you will receive two notes of hand drawn by John McDougall of your place in my favor dated 23d May 1835. One note then payable at 90days for $310.47. and one payable at 6 mo for 237.10 being 540 57/100 Dollars which you will please to collect for me in the most summary way in your power and the interest.

Mr. McDougalls conduct in obtaining [illegible] property [illegible] his total default in remitting agreeably to his solemn promises rendered it necessary for me to press him without any indulgence - you will therefore please to bring suit against him without delay should he hesitate in paying you the money, or in giving you satisfactory security for the payment in Sixty days & interest.

You will please to withhold your customary fees & pay the balance into the hands of Mr John Kerr for my use, and oblige

Your no obed

[illegible]

Levon Bell Esq

Chillicothe

Pittsburgh 10 Decr. 1806

Sir,

Inclosed you will receive a letter for Lewis Bolt Esq. covering two notes of hand signed by John McLaughlin Esqr. of your place in my favor dated 23 May 1805 One for 231$ 47/100 at 90 days after [illegible] one for 237. 10/100 at 6 months in all [illegible] 57/100 which you will please to deliver to Mr Bolt for collection.

You will also be pleased to receive the money (when recovered) allowing Mr Bolt his fee and remit or report to Mr McLaughlin or to me at this place

Your friend & hble serv

James O'Hara

Mr John Kerr

Mercht

Chillicothe.

Pittsburgh 11 Dec. 1806

Sir,

Being informed by Mr Amelung that you expected a quantity of clay when he left Baltimore, and that he had engaged part for my use, I have wrote to Mr John Holmes to settle with you for all you have on hand to have it kept secured from the frost, and to send it on as soon as the season will permit

I wish you to order fifty [illeg.] for me as soon as convenient so that I may have it brought here in the course of next summer as you know it will not do to move it in frosty weather. Mr Holmes will be prepared to settle with you as may be necessary, and receive the clay. You will please to write me on this subject immediately, as it is very necessary for me to be prepared, early as April

In confidence that you will put this article on as low terms as may be reasonable

I am your hble Servt.

James O'Hara

Mr J. Lakes

Mercht

Baltimore

[illegible]

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you will receive a letter which you will please to hand to Mr Iobes, whom I have requested to secure for me a few Hogsheads of clay for use of my Glass Works, which I wish you to receive in such way, that it must not be exposed to the frost which renders it useless. I paid Mr Iobes £16 p [illeg.] for the last I got, this was very high, it is however very important to have an immediate supply, on the best terms that can be procured. You will receive all he has on hand and pay him, or assure the amount as he may desire - One Waggon load may come in April and not sooner.

Should Mr Iobes have disposed of all the clay he has imported, I have requested him to order a quantity for me by the first opportunity - which I shall request you to have received and forwarded to this place, as your carriage will be very low in the course of next summer, I wish to be immediately informed on this subject, as I must have a supply in April.

What has become of our schooner? how much will you give for my half it cost me £2300. -

Yours sincerely

James O'Hara

Mr. John Holmes

Merchant

Baltimore.

You will please to take notice, that you will leave my farm on the Allegheny on or before the 31st. day of March next.

You will leave the premises in the order required by your agreement or make the necessary compensation for your default. No wood nor timber of any kind will be cut above the farm in future. Pittsburgh 23 December 1806

[illegible]

Mr Geo. McCurry.

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] to the following, to remove on or before the 31st day of March next. [N. here follow the names of those ordered to vacate.]

Mr Henry Lear

near Lexington. Somerset Cty.

Pittsburgh 20. Decem. 1816

Sir,

I wrote you on the 7th. Novem last concerning Pot ash. Should you not have received that letter, or it not satisfactory I wish you to send on a Waggon load at all events, [illegible] & paid for on delivery.

I am Sir your Hble serv

[illegible]

Pittsburgh Jan 9th. 47

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive Joseph Hancocks Bill of exchange on Messrs P & W Hancock, bankers of Wibelescombe (Somerset) England for 100 £ Sterling at 60 days which you will please to have indorsed & sell for my a cct.

You will also receive Judge Young's letter to me on entering your lands & paying all Taxes in Armstrong Co[illegible]. It is very necessary that you attend to the two numbers 264 & 535 mentioned in this letter & furnish me with names of the Warrantees District & Survey &c. By my letter of 11th Novr. I requested you to send me on [illegible] Wine, one barrel Leaf Sugar & Coffee & one of Muscovado sugar, which I am yet in hopes to receive - let me hear from you I shall draw on the 22nd

yours

J Ohara

Mr Joe Carson

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh 30 Jan 1807

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 9th inst. enclo[illegible] Kenedy's Miller Lesse P. & Wm. Hancock, Bankers of Somerset in England for one hundred pounds Sterling for my credit. Since that date I can hear nothing of you.

You will now receive another set of exchange on the same house for two hundred pounds Sterling dated the 20th inst at 60 days sight which you will have endorsed & sold for my credit. And let me hear from you soon. I hear not of my wine

Your's Sincerely

James O'Hara.

Mr Joseph Carson.

Pittsburgh Feb 27. 1807

Dear Sir

I received your's from the City of Washington, and find it impossible to be in Philadelphia at the period mentioned and as you do not clearly think you can reach the suit within the six or Seven days of the Court, I am convinced you will not, however if the trial can possibly be brought I do not wish it put off on account of my being absent, tho very desirous of being present. I wish to hear from you again on the subject.

I shall attend at any time that can be positively appointed for this trial. My action against Miller, will I hope be finally settled with you in July my attendance then is unnecessary

I am &c

J OH

Wm. Rawle Esq

Pittsburgh Feb. 28. 1807

Dear Sir

It has been unfavorable to me that the person who engaged to provide a boat to bring me a load of your sand failed in his engagements. I have in consequence been obliged to continue at making Hollow ware [illegible] to my intentions. -- The bearer Mr Valentine has a [illegible] ascending above your place and has agreed to bring me down [illegible] you can procure it to be ready, by the return of his boat [illegible] he will appoint the time of his return and you may rely on his punctuality nearly as [illegible].

I still hope that Jarrett's boat has got a cargoe & [illegible] have only to let me know your charges & expences [illegible] the boats & I will immediately remit you

Your sincere friend

James O'Hara

Tho Clare Esq.

Should John Gregg of White clay apply to you for the load of a large boat, you will please [ed. here the note ends.]

[illegible] Feb. 9th 1817

Sir,

You applied to me some time ago [illegible] that I would [illegible] a Boat that you were then preparing to build. Now if your boat will be such as be approved of for the Wisbeach [illegible] in proper order as you proposed. I will take her at your price of one dollar & one half [illegible] you bring down a full boat load of [illegible] George Greek and I will pay Mr Clare for having that said Furniture delivered to your boat & pay you for bringing her down.

You will give your answer

I am &c

J OH

Mr John Green

Whitely

[illegible]

Dear Sir

My letter of the [illegible] of [illegible] you [illegible] by the last mail [illegible] account [illegible] Betsey's Voyage being returned from the W. Indies. This has miscarried & I have not the pleasure of a line from you since. The clay which you procured for me from Mr Labee is now wanted here: I hope it is on the way & that the additional quantity ordered has arrived, this I wish you to send on occasionally as carriage may be got on reasonable terms.

I think Mr Glen's charge is very unreasonable. Labee offers to make [illegible] that he paid him fees to his satisfaction in presence of your Captain of the Betsey; however he is not to be [illegible] you will please to settle this matter on such equitable terms as you can

I beg to have the clay sent on immediately, & to hear from you soon as convenient

Yours Sincerely

J. Clara

Mr. J. Johnson

Baltimore

Pittsburgh May 11th 1847

Sir

I received your letter of the 27th. of April [illegible] which you to come on soon as possible.

Mr Jacob Bowman of Brownsville has fifty dollars to advance for you & you will be employed immediately on your arrival [illegible] Glass Works - Diamonds will be procured to Set you to work - Supply can be got at any time - I expect you will have constant [illegible] - you will [illegible] privilege to raise garden for your self as all the workmen have. [illegible] will be always ready.

I am yr. Hl. Serv.

James O'Hara

Mr. Baker Johnson

Pittsburgh 11 May 1807

Dear Sir

Being disappointed in sending by Mr. Addison agreeable to [illegible] I have now the pleasure to enclose you a Trenton Bank note No 13 for twenty dollars, out of this you will please to pay Mr Manning of Geneva, five dollars (borrowed by Mr Cochran) & the remaining [illegible] will reimburse you the amount of your a count by Mr Garrett [illegible] for which I return you my sincere acknowledgement

I am Dear Sir Your

Hon. Charles Lee

New Geneva

Pittsburgh May 12th 1806 [illegible]

Dear Sir

I have this day received your letters of the 27th April & 4th May, and have accepted both your bills in favor of Thos. Wilson cashier one for 1336 44/100 dollars and one at ten days for 2669 77/100 dolls. all which will be paid 4006 21/100 in due time

The cause of the protest in England was the House blending Genl Wilkin's former account with the account of the Ship Genl. Butler, which [illegible] no right to do, and of which I was totally ignorant.

Let me have your Statement of my account I hold you still in debt.

[illegible]

You say nothing of McCulloch or [illegible] being protested, you got [illegible] Protest & you have now the bill.

Your's sincerely

J O'Hara

Mr Joseph Carson

Philada.

[illegible] 16 [illegible] 1817

Dear Sir

Knowing that you have been very particular in furnishing Clay for making Potts for the Glass Works & this being the first object for this Factory [illegible] (with great confidence) request you to have fifteen or twenty barrels of your New Castle Clay sent on to my Glass Works at this place as soon as possible, which with your friendly assistance may be regularly continued.

I will remit you the necessary money on your advice [illegible] here on delivery at the Works agreeably to your bargain

Your immediate answer is absolutely necessary to my arrangements [illegible] you will oblige your very hl serv

[illegible]

Colo. Cramton

near

New Castle

Delaware.

Pittsburgh May 15. 1857

Dear Sir

I have been purchasing and building on this place far a more extensive than I contemplated when I saw you last. Thus with your permission of properly having appreciated with you into as to propose selling some elegant lots you purchased for me in the city of Washington, as [illegible] sales can be made to advantage.

You are now requested to sell the same without delay for ready money or something very near it.

Should you wish to consult me first, write me your prospects as to profits & payments, the deeds will be executed here as [illegible]

I shall expect to hear from you in reasonable time with a [illegible] of our late account.

Mr John Davidson

[illegible] May 17th 1867.

Dear Sir,

By letters received this day from New Orleans dated the 3d. [illegible] we are informed that the Ship Genl. Butler sailed [illegible] Greenock on the 29th of March with a cargo of cotton commanded by her [illegible] Capt. Parker Lake all in fine order. - We wish you to have Insurance effected on the Ship Genl. Butler from New Orleans to Greenock ([illegible] she does not arrive there before the date of your policy) and also to have her [illegible] at Greenock [illegible] to New Orleans, [illegible] Eight thousand dollars, on the Ship only.

We perceive by your current Statements that Insurance got lower - this you will no doubt have done on the best terms.

Your's Sincerely

James [illegible]

Mr. Joseph Jameson Jno. Williams Jr

Your bills were all paid yesterday

[illegible]

Dear Sir.

Above you have a Statement of your account (on sale) which has been anxiously expected before this day. There are so many [illegible] due the Glass Works, that my Capital is really exhausted, and it [illegible] actually become necessary that my friends should pay their accounts to enable me to carry on the manufactory.

Immediate remittance from you will be thankfully acknowledged, — your farther orders promptly executed by Your bble Serv

James [illegible]

Newel Tatum [illegible], Nashville

Jackson & Hutchins Gallatin

Jacob Lewis Wheeling

[Ed. here follows the accounts.]

Philadelphia 22 Sep 1917

Dear Sir:

Agreeably to your letter to Mr [illegible] I have [illegible] this day drawn in you in favor of Mr George Sutton or [illegible] [illegible] hundred [illegible] dollars 67/100 payable at sight.

Amount of claim account	Dell 3[illegible]. 00
Interest after 6 mo.	6. 67
Dls	3[illegible] 67

Mr James Hoole's not c for this amt. as given to Doyle Drain.

I am your h. serv

James [illegible]

Mr John Jackson

Merchts

Philadelphia

Pittsburgh June 12. 1807.

Dr sir,

I am favored with your's of the 29th ultimo & regret that you could not send on the clay, which I am now in great want of having waiting in order to give you'r a fair trial.

Being aware that waggons could not be had readily with you, I expected by sending the clay to Baltimore it would come on with certainty & less expence.

Now Sir if you can possibly forward me twenty barrels by either way without delay, you will lay me under great obligations as my Glass Works are now stopped by disappointment in this essential article.

You consign in case you send by Baltimore to [illegible] mercht there, he will forward it from thence Send one waggon load directly on if possible - inclosed you will receive fifty dollars - and you will please to order twenty barrels more to be [illegible] [illegible] bls first mentioned - to be sent on as soon as soon after as possible, either by Waggons or by Baltimore, as you may think best [illegible] any further advice from me, all Carriage will be [illegible] at the Works & any necessary advance that you may order shall be [illegible] or remitted.

Your friendly attention to this objects at this time shall be thankfully acknowledged by

Your mo hble Serv

James O'Hara

Colo Isaac Crantham

near New Castle

Delaware

Pittsburgh June 12th 1807

Dear Sir

Mr John Holmes Mercht. of your City informed me by letter dated on the 25th December last, that he had received 23 or 24 barrels of German clay f on Mr Labes, which he had promised to forward to this place on the 1st April - & writes me particularly by their following post, but cannot account for my disappointment in both the clay & letter I have not since heard from Mr Holmes

This is the greatest neglect I have ever experienced in consequence of which my Glass Works stopped early in May at the expense of 1 or 1000 Dollars, and may in all probability cause their total ruin

On this serious subject I must beg your friendly attention, that you will enquire whether Mr Holmes remains such quantity of clay or not & in either case to have this or any other clay that Mr Labes has imported on my account sent on for me here without delay Carriage & expenses will be paid on delivery at my works here. Mr Holmes had the means of settling with Mr Labes this may have been also neglected which you will please to remedy for me I have written to John Jones Brickmaker near New Castle to send on a quantity of clay from there to be consigned to you, which you will please to forward on as on as possible.

I know you will execute this liberty, which is really an emergency & shall not be repeated if inconvenient to you

Your sincere friend & very hl servt

James O'Hara

Genl Henry Miller

Mercht

Baltimore

Pittsburgh June 17. 1801

Dear Sir

I received your's of the 13th ultc. as a proof of your failing memory which was formerly very good. You inclose an offer from [illegible] requiring Robert Campbell's bond. You have this bond & may do whatever you please with it, I sent it to you to prove that those Swindlers who had formed a plan of Robbery were perjured. How else could you [illegible] the infamous Judgment & execution obtained by Jefferson by your appeal to the District Court of the U States?

Your inclosed chancery Bill must be another peice of infamous [illegible] or profound ignorance (who made the confession?) have this [illegible] in your own way & let me see you as you say in July.

Your's sincerely

James O'Hara

James Morrison Esq.

Lexington

Mr. Lewis Sanders

Merchant

Pittsburg June 17. 1867

Sir

I received your's of the 28th ulto with $440. the note (as you observe) will be due on the 2d. July. you have Credit for this sum and also for eight dollars accounted for to Barton & Co for deficient [illegible] Pitchers.

Nothing can be done with glass in the mode you propose - my firms are out and demand unsatisfied, I wish you to inform me of your demands for your acct. and if your orders arrive in time your quantity will be reserved at all events. I cannot commence making before September. Your orders may probably be received in two weeks & may be [illegible]

On the other side you have my acct. & order against Frank Heiss of Harrington for glass which he carried away in a very cavalier manner in May 1866 - This man had obtained no credit from me, and when under way with his glass, he promised to remit the amt by Mr. Sunrall from Limestone.

I wish you to present this order and if Mr Heiss does not make immediate payment or give this note at 60 days with interest -you please to let me know.

I have altered the figure of Box 6 by 10 from three [illegible] to four & changed packers

James O'Hara

Acct. Inclosed amt. 86.40

Interest from date —

Pittsburgh 12. Aug. 1807

Mr. Anderson.

You have often promised to come and pay your last year's rent and as often broke your promise -

Now if you do not pay here to morrow, the Sheriff shall wait on you the day after - And at all events you will please to take notice that you shall remove from any farm which you now occupy on the first of April next.

You will also observe that having rented the place by the year from day to day at one hundred & twenty dollars p year, you shall have no claim on the place whatever after the first of April, and you shall account to me for all the wood that you have clandestinely carried off the place contrary to your agreement, which stipulated that nothing should be taken off without myconsent.

James O'Hara

Mr John Anderson
on reserved farm No 4.

Pittsburgh Sept 19. 1807

Dear Sir,

I informed you by the last Mail that Mrs. O'Mara was on her way to Phila. and requested you to furnish her with any money she may [illegible].

Wishing to try whether bringing Spanish hides from Phila. will answer as well as from Baltimore & being very desirous to give [illegible] preference, I wish you to send me one hundred or a full Waggon load of the best Spanish hides, from Laguira will be preferred, they must be dry not salted, and no Bulls, weighing on average 20 a 22 lb each, lowest price on credit of 4 mo. the Carriage must not exceed five dollars p lb. Should this succeed considerable quantity may come this way let me hear from you without delay

yours Sincerely

James O'Mara

Mr Joseph Carson

Philad.

Pittsburgh Oct. 23. 1807

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you have Capt Lake's letter of the 17th ulto from Savannah reporting the Capture of the Ship Genl Butler by a Spanish Schooner on the 3d within Sixty miles of Havannah. Your Insurance office ought to have all the information that we may receive on this subject promptly as possible. You will therefore report to them such parts of this letter as you may think proper - The Paragraph in the commercial Register of the 15th cannot be correct. She must have sailed from Greenock and it is very improbable she would be sent into Caracas. You will receive Sam Butler's order on Thos. McEwen & Co. for $150. for my credit Mrs. O'Hara on the 18th all well,

your's

James O'Hara

Mr Jos. Carson

Phila.

Pittsburgh Decr. 11th. 1867

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will receive all the information we have receiv... relative to the ship, Gen. Butler since she was captured. You will perceive that Kenner & Henderson the a[illegible] at New Orleans, [illegible] to abandon that ship, the freight is not [illegible] any where, you will [illegible] your insurance office, with such of the enclosed papers as you may think proper, with assurance that it is with regret we approve of the arrangements made by Kenner & Henderson, and must abandon the ship Gen Butler to your underwriters, which we request you to have done in due form. The Capt. papers will be forwarded to you as they come to hand.

Yours

James [illegible]

Mr. Jos. Carson

Phila

Messrs Kenner & Henderson Pittsburgh Dec. 26 1807

Gentlemen

We received your letter of the 28th Octr covering you, for Mann & Bernard in Liverpool which may not be forwarded as we had the Ship Gen. Butler insured in Phila but no insurance on the freight at any place. We regret that you did not recollect that we were to have this done in Phila as by your sending the papers to Liverpool, it will not be in our power to make any demand of our underwriters until they come to hand, We have not heard of Capt. Lake since he left the Havannah. We did not hesitate in approving your arrangement in having the Ship Gen Butler chartered to the underwriters, which we ordered to be done immediately on rect. of yours. We decline biding for this ship in case of her arrival at New Orleans and sale being made. No doubt you will secure for us such part of the return freight as can be obtained, and attend to every other part of our interest as may be in your power If you have the necessary documents from the Capt or if you should receive them you will transmit them to Jos Carson Mercht Phila, in order to have this business brought to a close as soon as possible.

Yours &c

James [illegible]

John Williams Jr

Pittsburgh Dec. 26th 1837

Messrs Kenner & Henderson.

Gentlemen.

Enclosed you will receive the protest of your bill on John Kennedy and Cox Baltimore for non payment, for which with costs & damage you will please to give me credit. I have been long anxiously waiting for your final statement of my accounts and remittances for Ballance, being greatly wanted at present. You will please to observe that I am not concerned in Mr George Cochrans business, nor ever. You must not [illegible] any part of his, or any other persons [illegible] with mine without my [illegible]. I hope you have recovered Spitzers money, and that my Acts. with you may be closed as soon as possible

Yours

James Ollara

Messrs Mann & Bernard : Pittsburgh Dec 26. 1837

Gentlemen.

The ship Gen Butler being taken into La Vera Cruze, Kenner & Henderson has written to you, as if the Ship and freight had been insured in England, and intended sending the papers to Liverpool - As our insurance was effected in Philadelphia, we request you to transmit such documents as you may receive from Kenner & Henderson or from Capt. Ellis respecting the capture to Jos. Carson Merchant Philadelphia the ship having been abandoned to the underwriters of that port.

Yours

James Ollers

J Wilkins Jr.

Messrs Mann & Bernard Pittsburgh Decr. 26th. 1807

Gentlemen.

I am favoured with you s of the 13th August last covering duplicates of your Acts current with the ship Gen. Butler and owners by which it appears that you persist in your extraordinary method of charging Gen. Wilkins's old ballance of 793 £ to the ship, contrary to the order given on her coin first consigned to your house in Liverpool, contrary to your first method of stating the Act vist 3/4 for James O'Hara and 1/4 for John Wilkins, and contrary to every mercantile principle, and against which Gen. Wilkins solemnly protests. I will not attempt any remarks on this unprecedented mode of transfer at present by which you must be sensible, I have sustained great injury being entirely unacquainted with Gen Wilkins' affairs with you. I drew bills on your house by which I sustained great damage Not it is conceived that you insist upon my 3/4 of the ship being liable for an unsettled balance said to be due before the ship was built and Gen Wilkins positively declines having the acts. blended in any respect whatsoever. You will therefore please to repair all those damages and prevent any further inconvenience on this subject. State my Act. seperate and unconnected with any other, for 3/4 of the Ship Gen. Butler with proceeds of cargo & freight agreable to the advice you recd. with the consignment to that purport, and which you will please furnish me with, and the ballance you may find fairly due me. The Ship Gen. Butler being taken into La Vera Cruze, Kenner & Henderson has written to you as if the Ship had been insured there, and intended sending the papers to you, as our insurance was effected in Phila. we request you to transmit such documents, as you may receive from them or Capt Lake, to Jos. Carson Merct. Philadelphia the ship being abandoned to the underwriters there

J O'Hara

Savannah Sept 17. 1807

Messrs James Ollara & John Wilkins Jr.

Gentlemen

I am extremely sorry to inform you that I had the misfortune to be captured by a Spanish schooner on the third of this month about sixty miles to the northward of this place, they took me Mrs. Lake, & six of the people from the ship, and steered as they thought for this place, they kept in sight of the Ship the remaining part of that day on which we were taken and all the day following in the evening we were very close to the land but the weather being very bad could not distinguish it, in the course of the night they lost sight of the ship and in the morning found themselves near the port of Caveaves [Carrices], about fifty miles to the Westward of this place where they put in with the Schooner & left her as soon as the weather would permit and commenced my journey by land to this place, where I arrived on the twelveth with Mrs. Lake. I was kept in the house of the officer that took me as a prisoner until the 14th when I was liberated after I had made my declaration before the auditor of the marine, as soon as I was at liberty I waited on the Gentlemen acting as American Consul and by his a[illegible]e as well as many others I have put the business into the hands of M[illegible]rey who formerly acted as consul for the U.S. for this port. I was captured under Bonparbes decree as they gave no other reason than that of coming from an English port. Certificates of the Cargoes being American property are attached to every bill of lading and all my papers are correct. I am not able at present to give you any acct. of what the issue may be, for the ship has neither been seen nor heard of since we lost sight of her from the Schooner. I am however authorised to inform you that it is the opinion of some of the first men here that our

capture was rash and ill-advised and that he (the Capt. of the Schooner) will be obliged to pay all damages, which he is very well able to do, being a very opulent man. I think it is very probable that the ship will return in that case the captors must pay all damages and send me with the papers to where the ship is -- I left on board the ship three women and five children passengers, the mate, cook & stewart, the schooner sent on board her four men and a prize master. For myself I am here without money or Cloths every thing being left on board, the ship expecting to be in Havannah the day following that on which we were taken I shall remain here until I can hear something of the ship which must be in a few days.

Yours

Sam Lake

Pittsburgh Decr. 20th. 1807

Sir.

I have waited very long for you to come in agreable to your promise, but you have disappointed me many ways. You have the place in miserable order, and contrary to your many protestations you have been renting and selling coal in an extravagent manner, from which you must desist. Acct. for what you have done & repair the fences. As you know you must leave the whole in good order on the first day of April next.

Yours

Jas. Ohara

Mr Edward Smith

by Robert